

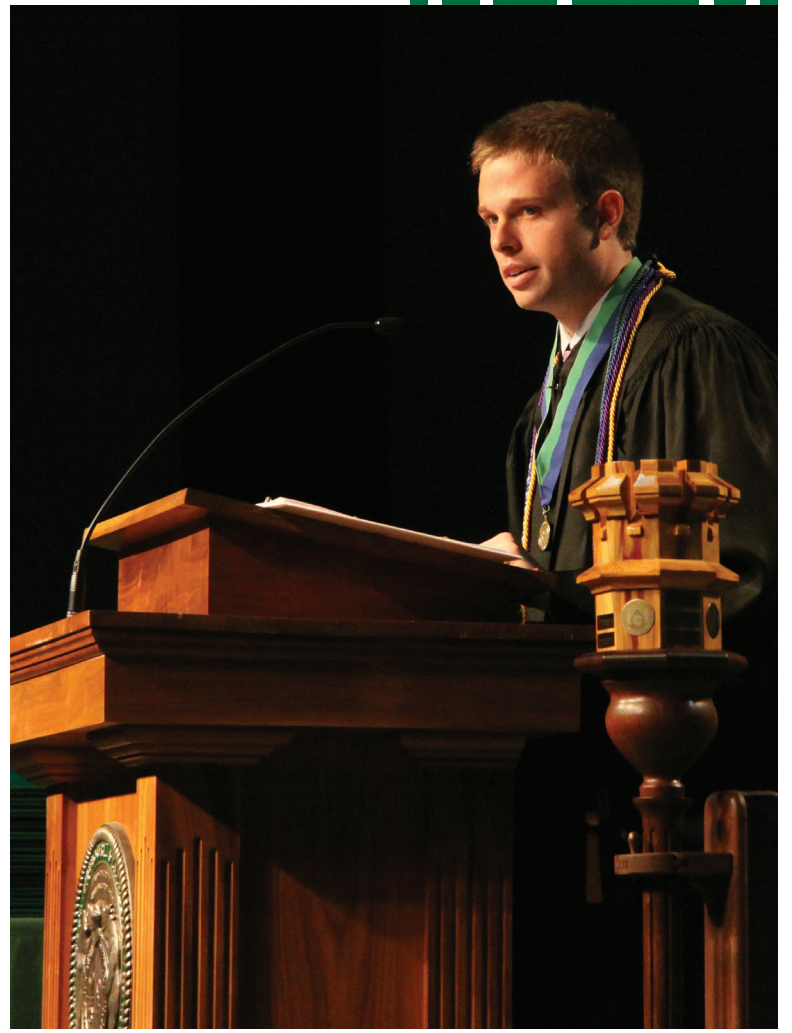


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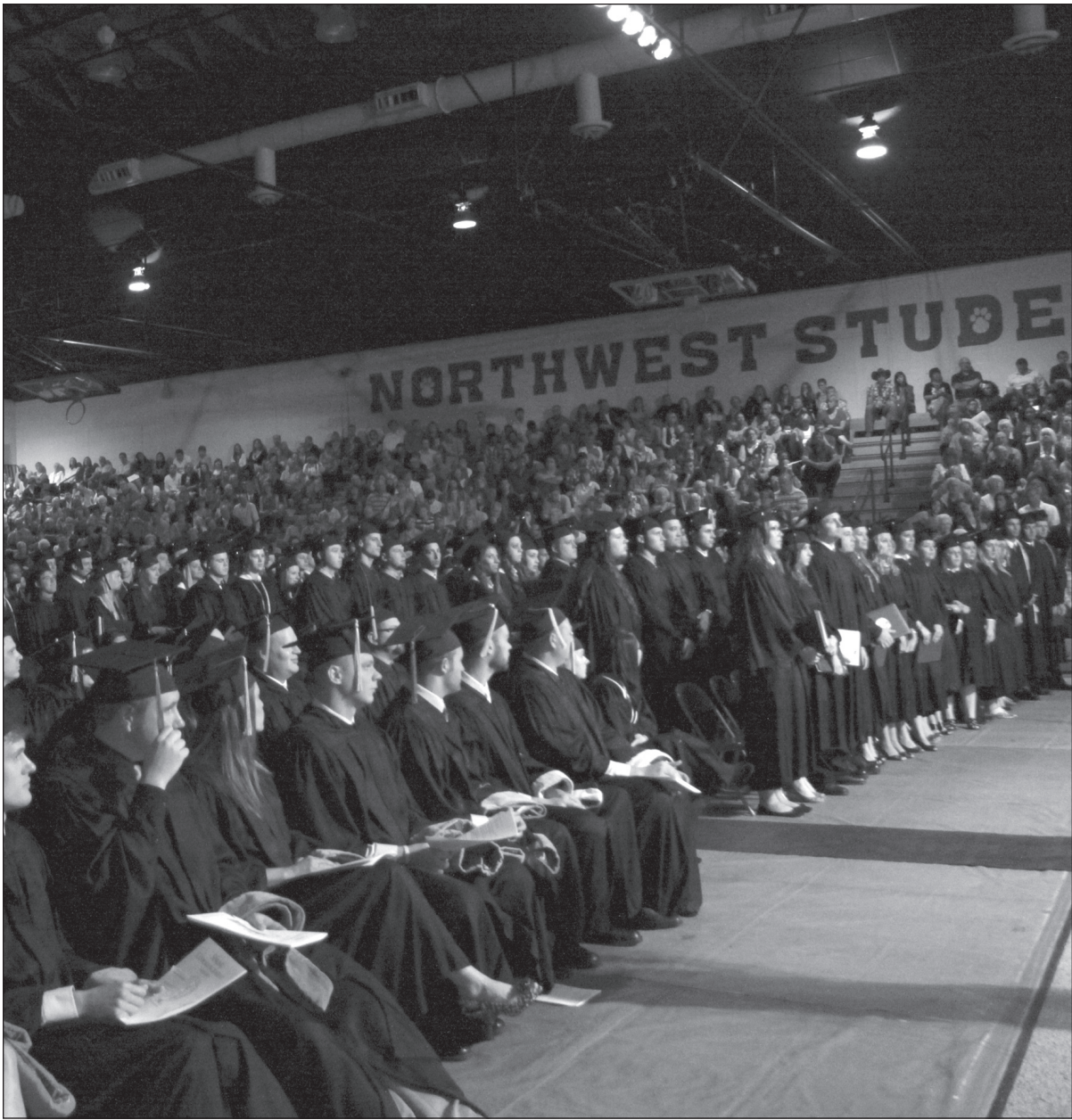


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(Top) Northwest graduate Quentin Templeton speaks to the Spring 2011 graduating class at Bearcat Arena. (Above) Graduate Danny Thompson shakes hands with President Jasinski after receiving his diploma at Bearcat Arena. (Right) Students applaud after a speak is given at Spring Graduation at Bearcat Arena.



SENIOR GUIDE 2012



KARI KOLTS | TOWER YEARBOOK

Graduates of last spring semester listen on as speeches are given in Bearcat Arena during Graduation.

Northwest diploma translates to success

JENNA ANTHONY

Missourian Reporter

This spring around 650 Northwest Bearcats will be on the prowl for jobs after receiving their diplomas, with the exception of those lucky enough to already have job offers.

“My degree has helped a lot, not only in marketing but in management as well,” 2011 graduate Travis Taylor said. “I would say time management was the biggest thing I learned in college and how to explore new opportunities.”

Northwest has achieved a 93 percent job placement rate for six months after the date of graduation, according to Northwest’s Web site, allowing students with a Northwest degree a positive outlook for future employment. It is equally important that students work hard to stand out from other applicants.

“Education, student organizations and work experience are all important,” Joan Schneider, director of career services, said. “It’s important to have a plan, good resumé, and meat on the resumé.”

Northwest currently offers 140 majors; according to Schneider, none of these fall below a 75 percent placement rate. This allows students to have many options and the ability to change their major.

“It’s very important that the student picks their major and understands what that major’s possibilities are,” Schneider said.

Gaining work experience through paid jobs, internships, or volunteer work can look great on a resume and also build contacts with possible employers and references.

“I had an internship from the summer of 2010,” Taylor said. “I received an offer for the job as soon as my internship was over in August of 2010.”

Along with a good education, many other skills learned outside of the classroom are crucial.

“Employers are looking for communication skills, work skills, teamwork and analytical skills,” Schneider said. “Initiative and computer skills are also important.”

According to Schneider, it is very important to understand today’s job markets. Also, students need to realize it’s unlikely you will land your dream job right out of college, but there are no majors without a market.

Senior Seminar offers advice for Bearcats’ future

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH

Managing Editor

Senior Seminar. It’s kind of like freshman year all over again but with additional anxiety and the real world ahead instead of a new campus. The lessons learned in this class are meant to prepare graduating seniors for what lies ahead for them outside Maryville, and while many walk away having learned useful information, there are some additional skills seniors should learn before jumping into the real world.

“I like to shuehorn in things like financial investment with the material,” Fred Lamer, assistant professor in the mass communication department, said. “I think it’s nutty that a person spends 14 or more years in school, including college, learning how to acquire job skills and be able to get good jobs that pay well, but most students spend little or no time learning what to do with the money they start making.”

Lamer says that it is important for students to do their own research outside the class in order to be fully prepared for post-graduation life. Gathering information about costs in other states in comparison to the Midwest are just one of the many exercises he uses to educate his students.

“That whole financial gain and big picture is something I try and include in my class,” Lamer said. “I think that many times students and graduates-to-be don’t really consider those kinds of things. I think a little self-introspection is helpful before you get to that point.”

While Senior Seminar is designed to prepare students for the future, many professors and advisors stress outside preparation for the future to prevent the student from becoming overwhelmed.

“All of this information, comparative living cost for example, is available online. There’s a ton of information for self-educating, finance and so forth, but it just requires work,” Lamer said.

“The smart play, I think, is for somebody that’s graduating in April to build a calendar or flow chart just like you would for a major project in class, hopefully, and give yourself some realistic deadlines saying ‘you’re going to do this by a certain date.’ The value in that is not just the outcome but also the psychological feeling of doing something.”

The most important thing for students to remember is never give up. When preparing for the future, faculty advisors want to make sure you are fully prepared to ask for help because, as many will tell you, the road ahead is both scary and exciting.

“This is kind of an unnatural step in a person’s life,” Lamer said. “Really, your life until now has revolved around school, for some a job with that, and suddenly all of that is coming to an end.”

“To me, it’s just like living a healthy lifestyle, meaning there are obvious things like eating right, drinking water and getting enough sleep. Preparing for your next step in life after college is just like that; do the research, make a plan and start early.”

Finding a job proves difficult for some following graduation

ERIC MIZENER

Missourian Reporter

In an ideal world, you graduate from college with a full-time job already lined up and a place to call your own for the first time in your life. Life is good as you embark on your quest of adulthood. However, this system is quickly becoming obsolete.

Finding a job with that fresh degree can be a challenge. It can be frustrating for a college graduate to work the same job they had in high school until they find a job in their career field. It can be difficult to make ends meet, and moving back in with Mom and Dad might be the only option.

Such is the life of former Bearcat Paul Johnson. Johnson graduated last spring with a degree in psychology. He has never had a job in his career field. He has never had a place of his own. He still has to meet curfew while living under Mom’s roof.

“It sucks,” Johnson said. “I mean,

technically I’m an adult, but it is hard to feel that way sometimes when I am living the exact same life I had in high school.”

Johnson, like many other college graduates, hasn’t found much success in the “real world.” Upon his graduation last spring, unemployment was still at a discouraging high. That figure has since dropped, although it hasn’t made the search any easier.

“Could I have better prepared myself? Of course,” Johnson said. “But I had no idea it was going to be this bad. In hindsight, I would have done so much different.”

Johnson recommends upcoming graduates take this next step in life with even more severity than applying to college.

“Network, send resumes, call, apply, do anything you can to spread your name,” Johnson said. “You yell loud enough, and somebody will listen.”

Maybe someday soon, Johnson will be the one doing the listening.

Seniors prepare for spring graduation

ALEX RASH

News Editor

While many Bearcats plan for next semester’s classes, a number of students are finishing their final semester as graduation rapidly approaches.

Northwest’s spring commencement exercises are set for April 28 in Bearcat Arena at the Lamkin Activity Center. The ceremony for Booth College undergraduate candidates and all master’s candidates will begin at 10 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education and Human Services undergraduate candidates will follow at 2 p.m.

Cap and gown order forms must be returned electronically to Annette Hill at the Student Services Center by March 9. The rental cost is included in the graduation fee.

Caps and gowns will be made available for pickup from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. April 26-30 at the Student Services Center and one hour prior to graduation at the Student Recreation Center. Students may keep their tassel and honors cord, but must return the regalia immediately following the ceremony.

Tickets are free of charge and will be limited to six per

graduate. If the number of participants is lower than expected more tickets will be made available or will not be required. Students can expect to hear more on that decision after the deadline for cap and gown orders has passed.

There will be free parking available for guests. Also, shuttle buses will run to and from lot 62, west of the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts, 90 minutes before the ceremony.

Graduates should be in line in the Student Rec Center at least 45 minutes prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will conclude with the singing of the Alma Mater. Students who don’t know it can rest assured, the words will be printed in the program which can be found on the back of each graduate’s chair.

Students and guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following commencement. Cookies and punch will be served on the lawn by Colden Pond. In case of inclement weather the reception will be moved to the lower level of Lamkin.

More information can be found at the Northwest Commencement Web site: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/commencement>.

Financial aid office provides guidance for students paying off loans

SARAH THOMACK

Missourian Reporter

If a person had \$20,000 to spend, they could buy about 5,000 Javalanches, a Mini Cooper or feed 220 children in Africa for a year. If that person is a Northwest student, though, he or she would probably use it to pay off his or her loans. The average student debt of a Northwest graduate is between \$19,825 and \$22,555. The time to begin paying off loans is quickly approaching for seniors getting ready to graduate this spring.

“Our students have done a great job over the years (paying off loans),” Del Morley, director of financial assistance at Northwest, said. “The government keeps track of what they call a cohort default rate (percentage of students who default on federal loans) and our cohort default rate is always under the federal average.”

About 70 percent of Northwest students, each year, take out loans. Subsidized loans are need based and interest begins six months after graduation. Interest on unsubsidized loans begins immediately and payments must begin six months after a student is no longer enrolled in school. The Northwest Office of Financial Assistance provides students in need of loans with entrance and exit counseling and gives

them tools to help with loan consolidations and payment plans.

“There are a lot of changes in the works coming up,” Morley said. “We’re going to try to get them all made before July 1, 2012.”

With any loans made after July 1, interest will begin to accumulate on subsidized loans as soon as a student graduates, and subsidized loans will no longer be available for graduate students. There is also a possibility that interest rates on student loans will increase.

“Unless (Congress) passes new legislation, it will be 6.8 percent next year,” Morley said.

Kearsten Smith, a senior who has taken out loans since her freshman year, said she is confident that her education at Northwest will help her find a job that will help to pay off her loans. If that fails, her next plan is to find someone very rich to marry.

“If you don’t have to take (loans) out, don’t, but at the same time, student loans are the best loans you can take out,” Smith said. “If you’re going to go to college, don’t be deterred because you have to take out loans to do it because they have the lowest interest rates (and) the best payback policy. Literally, they are the best loans you could ever take out.”

University offers resources to help students with job search

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH

Managing Editor

Starting the job hunt can be difficult, but knowing where to start can ease that burden of looking. The Missourian, with help from Career Services, has some options for where to start your job search.

•Start with social media.

Twitter is one of the greatest places to start your search. Companies Tweet about internships daily based on location, skill set and major. Use the discover page to search for keywords like #jobs or simply type in your major and start from there. Companies are now flocking to social media sites to post job offers, and you definitely want to make sure you are the first to see them.

•Use the Career Services job search tab for help.

There are numerous places to look for help on the Career Services Web site, you just need

to know where to start. There, you can find places to look for job searching tips, career advice, job listings and employer research.

•Look to the bulletin boards.

University faculty and staff put up information regarding jobs and internships on weekly bulletin boards inside the University buildings and through your email. Many professors are willing to help anyone wanting help or advice; you just need to take the first step.

•Take advantage of job fairs and mock interview days.

The University gives students a great opportunity to look for jobs right here on campus by playing host to events like job fairs and mock interview days. Even if you have not set up an interview, attend the events just to look for more information from the employers. They are here to help you and give advice, so take advantage of it.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

The Northwest mock trial team met Tuesday to discuss their recent regional success as well as plans for the future.

Mock trial team finds success at regionals

ALEX RASH

News Editor

Northwest's mock trial team found success at the 2012 American Mock Trial Association's Kansas City Regional Tournament Feb. 11-12.

Northwest brought two teams to this year's competition. There were 22 other teams present at the event. With improvements in this year's performance, the team received an honorable mention alternate bid to the Opening Round Championship Series March 16-18.

"I was impressed with how far we came," senior Paul Brothers said. "We didn't win a ballot the previous two

tournaments, and we turned it around."

Senior Jenny Evans also found personal success at the competition. Evans received the Outstanding Witness Award after gaining 17 out of a possible 20 marks.

"It was a really great experience," sophomore Mike Tracy said. "I can't wait for next year."

The team faced a few trials throughout their training with member inconsistency, according to coach Daniel E. Smith. Smith hopes to resolve this issue by having a more extensive process in place to become a member of the team.

"I think that the team came together extremely well through the last semester

with all of the additions," freshman Joseph Moore said. "It is definitely something that I'm glad that I decided to join this year."

With the regional tournament behind them, the team is already setting plans to host the third annual Bearcat Invitational Mock Trial Tournament in the fall.

The team, which focuses on preparing cases and playing the roles of attorneys and witnesses during simulated trials, has helped mold future plans for some students like junior Alex Reid.

"I honestly feel like I have found what I truly want to do..." Reid said. "I had a blast."

Interactive site encourages social giving

ASHLEY HERRING

Assistant News Editor

On Feb. 6, Bearcats from several organizations and departments around campus took the power of the paw to the people with the University's recently launched Paw to Paw site. Paw to Paw is an interactive Web site that utilizes Northwest's social media presence to encourage Northwest alumni and friends to give back to the University in a modern way.

Bearing the tagline "social giving for the good of Bearcats," Paw to Paw showcases departmental or organizational needs of the campus in pictures. Donors can visit the site, click on a picture and learn about a specific need for funding on campus. They can then donate in \$25 increments to the need of their choice, and the donation bar instantly grows, showing how their gift helped bring that group or department closer to achieving its goal.

"Traditionally, first-time gifts are made when people are around the age of 40, when they start giving back to the University," Mallory Murray, chief design and marketing officer said. "Our goal was to figure out how can we get younger alumni engaged with the giving process to Northwest, and one of the things we thought was really important was for them to see how their giving made a difference."

"The trend we're seeing in younger generations is people like us don't want to give money and not know where it is going or how it is being used. This is something that really gives you a lot of power."

Giving in smaller, more manageable donations employs a tactic known as micro funding. Micro funding is a method of raising funds that asks donors to give in smaller donations that contribute to a need over time.

"Micro-funding is a growing trend, and they are finding with the younger generation that they are huge givers, but that they do not give in the way that their parents gave," Murray said. "They are not as likely to write a check for \$1,000, but they are definitely willing to send a text message, make a quick donation on the Web site to things that matter to them. We didn't really have a tool that allowed them to do that, and that is where the site idea came from."

According to Murray, the interactive aspect of the site specifically targets younger alumni through a channel they already use to connect with others – social media.

"The goal is to start that process at a younger age so that you stay connected with your University, and you can see how your giving can impact the University online and evolve that relationship," Murray said. "This is a very unique opportunity for departments because previously there was no way for them to fundraise for a specific, small need like this."

Once a project is funded, it is moved to a completed projects page for donors to review. Posts are made through the University's social media outlets. Donors also receive a thank-you email following their donation, and press releases are written to showcase the successes of the site.

In addition to the posts made on the funds raised for projects, so-

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KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Empty rooms in the family and consumers sciences department lay dormant after recent budget cuts effect the department. Seventeen students will be effected due to the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Education in FCS major.

Living in tomorrow's past

Northwest landscape changes after budget cuts

PHILIP GRUENWALD & MISSOURIAN STAFF

Opinion Editor

Students walk up the familiar two flights of stairs heading to the third floor of the Administration Building, as they have every day for the past year, or two or even three. During that time, the musty classrooms and their assortment of knickknacks, haphazardly arrayed on lab tables and desks, have become part of these students' collective interpretation of reality.

They will soon become memories, after the announcement Feb. 16 that the family and consumer sciences department, by title only, would be eliminated. Only one degree casualty resulted in the Bachelor of Science in Education in FCS, a major that 17 students claimed. The remaining 200 or more FCS students will be dispatched across other departments, which will now embody the spirit of FCS through the same core courses.

"Your classmates become your siblings.

That's why we are up here," senior Jocelyn Stahl, a child and family studies major, said. "Granted, students can still do the majors – they can still be a child and family studies major; they can finish out what they are working on – but it doesn't have that family element of family and consumer sciences, which is what we are. We're a family."

To aid their integration, the three FCS faculty who were cut will still be here beginning the 2012-'13 school year.

"There will be some curriculum changes in the majors because we won't have any FCS courses after 2013," Provost Doug Dunham said. "But it's important that those students, in child in family studies, dietetics, etc., know that they'll be able to complete their degree at Northwest."

"The B.S.ED students we can't guarantee that, but we're going to make every effort so that they can complete their degree here."

Chapter 2 in Northwest's Faculty Handbook delineates the process of a reduction

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KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Other departments will embody the spirit of FCS through the same core courses.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROFILE: GREEK LIFE

Greeks aim to inspire African-American students

EMILY DEMAREA

Chief Reporter

Four organizations have combined through the Greek system this month to bring special awareness to prominent blacks that have had an influence on American culture for Black History Month.

Junior Ryan Benjamin is president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. NPHC is an organization that meets every other week and governs all four of the African-American fraternities and sororities on campus.

This year, NPHC is sponsoring a Wall of Inspiration.

The Wall of Inspiration features eight African-Americans, four of which are brothers or sisters to the different fraternities and sororities in NPHC.

Benjamin described the wall as a "collaboration of different African-American figures who have made an impact on American society."

Edward Gibson IV is president of Alpha Phi Alpha at the University. Gibson said the wall inspires African-American students to succeed in their lives and move forward, in order to better themselves in their education.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

National Pan-Hellenic Council president Ryan Benjamin speaks about the Wall of Inspiration on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

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University Wellness Services receives grant

BROOKE ASSEL
Missourian Reporter

Healthy eating, active living and overall wellness may not always be at the forefront of our minds, but University Wellness Services is making them a top priority with the help of a newly received grant.

Beginning this summer, University Wellness Services will use funding from the Heartland Foundation's Healthy Eating, Active Living grant to work with a team of developers and create videos for the Wellness Services' Web site.

"Basically, we will revamp the Wellness Services' Web site to make it really comprehensive and interactive for our students," Jennifer Kennymore, health educator for Wellness Services, said. "We are hoping it becomes the online hub of health and wellness for our students and in turn, the community."

The new videos will help Wellness Services promote its six previously-established dimensions of wellness. Kennymore says these videos will include a wide range of topics from yoga demonstrations to how to choose healthy foods at the grocery store. Videos will feature local community experts from Hy-Vee, St. Francis Hospital and the Maryville Community Center, campus experts from the Student

Recreation Center, University Police, Residential Life and Campus Dining.

Wellness Services was one of 15 entities from the northwest Missouri area to apply for the grant, and one of only four to receive full funding. Sandra Pettit, who coordinates grants for the Heartland Foundation said the H.E.A.L. grants help support original, innovative projects that can educate Missourians on overall health and wellness.

"Unfortunately, Missouri is ranked fairly low among the 50 states health wise," Pettit said. "Northwest Missouri is one of the lower rankings within our state. So, we are all about finding ways to build a more healthy and active community."

Along with the health and wellness aspects of the projects receiving the grant, each project was required to be creative and innovative. If the projects are successfully executed, Pettit said they will be used as model projects for other northwest Missouri area organizations.

"We wanted an innovative idea to help students access health information, and why not use the internet to entice people, especially young people, to learn about health?" Pettit said of the Wellness

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KAREN HAWKINS MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHT WALK



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN
Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Katelin Gann, Kate Burnett and Mackenzie Kroenke lead the candlelight walk on Thursday afternoon. In memory of their sister Karen Hawkins, the walk was in support of sexual assault awareness.

Scholarship added in memory of student

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

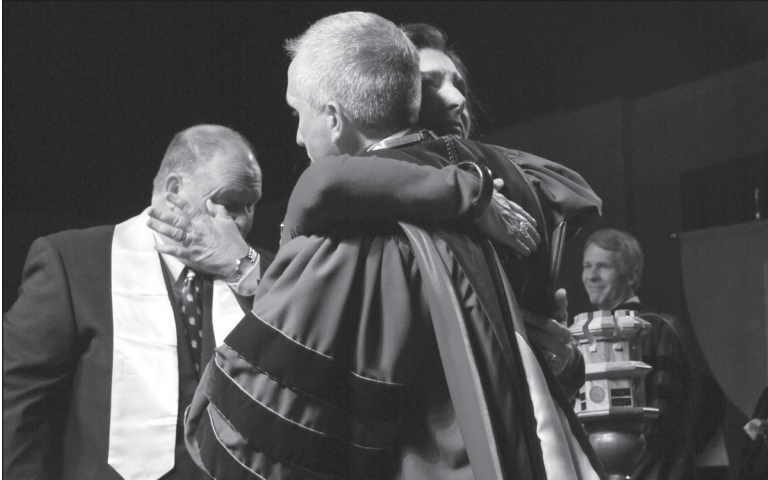
A new scholarship has been added to the Northwest Foundation in memory of a fallen Bearcat.

Abby Cockrill died in Aug. 2010. Over 1,500 people were present at her visitation, even though the chance to see her family members meant waiting up to four hours for some.

The Abby Leigh Cockrill Memorial Foundation Scholarship has been established by Cockrill's parents. Teresa Gustafson, director of strategic donor development, said eligible students include juniors and seniors who have declared a major in elementary education. First preference, Gustafson said, will be given to Greek students.

The scholarship is for \$500, and awarded each semester. Gustafson said students can re-apply for the scholarship as well.

At the University, Cockrill was a member of the Northwest Tower Choir. She was also an elementary education major and was well on her way to pursuing a degree in



KARI KOLTS | TOWER YEARBOOK
Abby Cockrill's parents accept her diploma at graduation at Bearcat Arena in Dec. 2010 after Cockrill passed in Aug. A scholarship for Cockrill was added to the Northwest Foundation.

Early Childhood Development. She had just begun student teaching at Siegrist Elementary in Platte City a week before she died.

In Dec. 2010, Cockrill was awarded her diploma. Her parents said it was not an honorary degree either. Pat and Diane Cockrill accepted the diploma in her name at the graduation.

Along with her educational development at the University, Cockrill was a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She also was the youth minister at her church, and she volunteered for Special Olympics.

Cockrill was also a recipient of the prestigious Greek award, the Order of Omega, which according to the Order of Omega itself, is for "Greek students from the top 3 percent of students at each institution, who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organization and within the Greek campus, and local community."

Cockrill was a great friend to many people, including Amy Holton, who said her personality shined through any crowd.

"Abby was one of those people where it didn't matter if she walked into a room with people she didn't even know because everybody knew

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Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion J.W. Jones Student Union	ACT & Standardized Test Improvement Workshop for teachers, counselors, and school administrators 9 a.m. at Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE)
Educational Leadership Student Graduation & Portfolio Application Deadline Kansas City Center	Submitting Special Education Improvement Grant into ePEGs Drop In 9 a.m. at Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE)
First Block Ends	SW-PBS Administrator Meeting 9 a.m. at Troester Media Center
Midterm examinations	Body Image/National Eating Disorders Awareness Week: Don't diet, Live! 11 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Student Payday	Baseball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma St 2 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla.
Homecoming Committee Applications J.W. Jones Student Union	Colden Pond Plunge 3 p.m. at Colden Pond
Sigma Society Service Week	The Vagina Monologues 7 p.m. at The Station
Softball – Arkansas-Monticello Tournament Bentonville, Ark.	
The Great Jeans Giveaway All Campus Residence Halls	
Saturday, February 25	
Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion J.W. Jones Student Union	Women's Basketball 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Sigma Society Service Week	Baseball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma State 2:30 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla.
Softball – Arkansas-Monticello Tournament Bentonville, Ark.	Men's Basketball 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Music Performance Scholarship Auditions Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	St. Francis Gala 6:30 p.m. at Maryville Community Center
Sigma Society's Girl Scout Date 8 a.m.	Black History Month: S.T.A.T.S. Auction 7 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Baseball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma St 12 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla.	The Vagina Monologues 7 p.m. at The Station
Sunday, February 26	
Black History Month: <i>The Help</i> book club discussion J.W. Jones Student Union	Tower Choir Concert 3 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
Softball – Arkansas-Monticello Tournament Bentonville, Ark.	Fellowship Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center
Baseball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma St 12 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla.	Black History Month: Celebration Dinner 7 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Sigma Society Bridal Show 1 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center

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Mozingo Lake campers can get ready for a change this year. Fee rates for RV camping and tent camping are increasing for both peak and non-peak season camping.

Camping rates on the rise at Mozingo

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

Mozingo Lake campers will have to fork over a little more cash this summer after City Council approved an increase in camping fees. The new regulations went into effect Feb. 13.

RV camping rates jumped from \$13 to \$18 during non-peak season and from \$15 to \$20 during peak season.

"We were substantially lower than a lot of the surrounding areas," park manager Grant Evans said. "The increase in costs will help with some maintenance issues that we need to deal with."

"I think that our prices are fair. Like I said, they're comparable with a lot of the surrounding areas. And comparable, or lower, even still after our increase."

Grant Evans

comparable with a lot of the surrounding areas. And comparable, or lower, even still after our increase.”

Evans said he has received a few phone calls from people unhappy with the increase.

“I think they’re just kind of upset with it,” Evans said. “I don’t know that they necessarily said they would stop coming here. I think that when it was explained to them why we did the increases, I think they were fairly satisfied.”

The park hasn’t received much positive feedback from campers, but Evans said they will understand the changes when they visit the park.

“I think that once people start seeing some of the improvements that the money will be used for, that they will be pleased with that,” Evans said.

Maryville set to participate in sales tax holiday

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

Maryville citizens will get the chance to enjoy a discount on appliances for a sales tax holiday.

The Maryville City Council approved the 2012 Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday Feb. 13. The seven-day tax holiday will begin April 19 and end on the 25th.

Sears store Ryan Gessert supports the tax holiday.

"In the history, it's been extremely successful," Gessert said. "Our best sales generally fall in that week of no tax, so it's by far the best time to buy."

According to the Maryville ordinance, this tax holiday will exempt retail purchases of certain qualifying appliances from city and state sales taxes. It will also encourage the purchase of energy efficient appliances by exempting them from sales tax while reducing consumers' costs at the same time.

The appliances to look for on this sales tax include: clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, conventional ovens, stoves and more.

Energy Star certified appliances include any appliance approved by both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy.

According to the approved ordinance, during the tax holiday all retail sales of any Energy Star certified, new appliance will be exempt from local sales taxes, up to \$1,500 per appliance.

Birth control debate heats up in Missouri

ALEX RASH
News Editor

Democrats and Republicans find themselves divided on the new Missouri proposal that would allow employers to refuse to provide health insurance coverage for birth control, abortions and sterilization procedures.

The bill comes in response to the Obama administration's recent attempt to get religious employers to provide free coverage of birth control in their health insurance plans.

"I think it's pretty clear that this particular mandate is unconstitutional based on First Amendment grounds," said Republican Sen. John Lamping, who sponsors the bill.

SSM Health Care, a St. Louis-based health care system, owns 16 hospitals, including St. Francis Hospital and Health Services in Maryville. Corporate Vice President-Ethics Michael Panicola Jr. released a media statement explaining their disappointment with the recent proposal.

"SSM Health Care is disappointed with the contraceptive mandate in the rule, as it will force organizations like ours to go against our conscience and the explicit teachings of the Roman Catholic Church," Panicola said.

Following negative feedback from some religious groups, the Obama administration said that religious affiliated employers would not be forced to provide birth control coverage, but that responsibility would lie with insurance companies.

The new Missouri bill would change



Lay minister Jeffery Goettemoeller gives ashes on the forehead to a church member at St. Gregory Catholic Community on Wednesday for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The ashes symbolize a person's intention to deepen spiritual life, as well as an intent to repent of sins, to accept purification and to make a public witness of one's faith.

that compromise so that any business, religious or not, would have the right to refuse coverage for medical services if they violate the employer's belief.

"For the very first time, we have given complete discretion and authority to the federal government to create insurance mandates..." Sen. John Lamping said. "The purpose of the bill is more of an attempt to help people come to understand just how

much power and authority now resides in the federal government.”

Lamping said that the bill will give the attorney general, as well as individuals and employers who feel like their rights have been infringed upon, the right to sue the federal government.

Debates on the bill took place Feb. 21 and will continue as revisions are made by suggestions from both parties.

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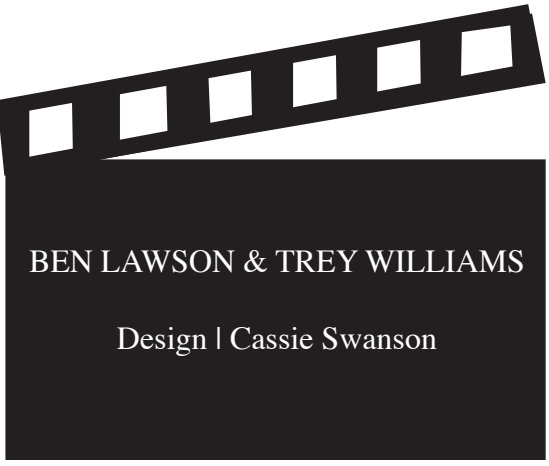
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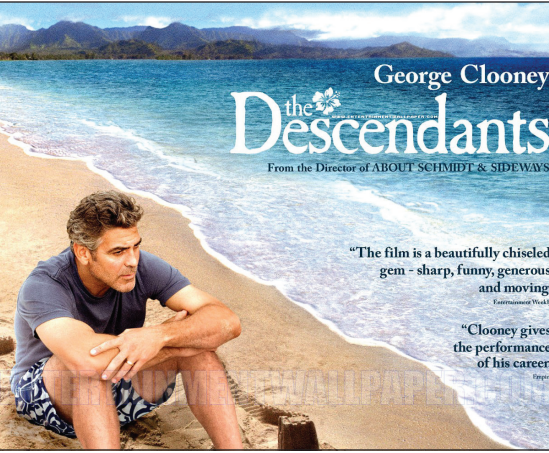
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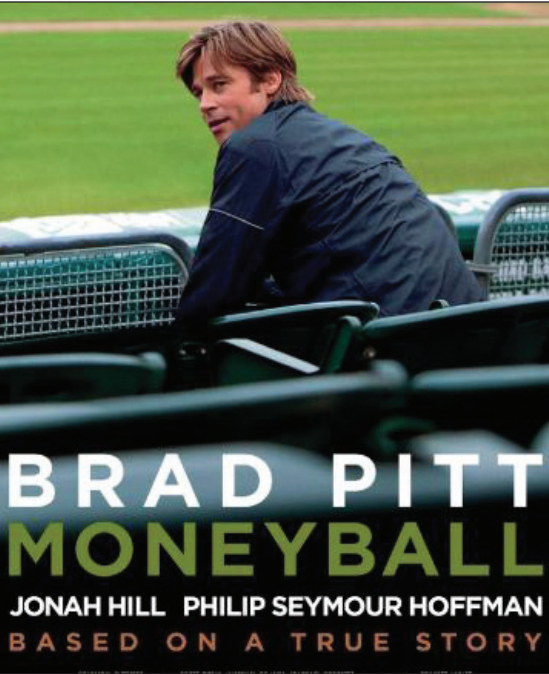
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84th Academy Awards

{ Best Picture Nominations }

Northwest Missourian staffers buckled down and watched all nine movies nominated for Best Picture this year. After much deliberation, here are two staffer’s picks for which movie would be a deserving candidate.

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

“Tree of Life”
“Tree of Life” could come across to viewers one of two ways: a stroke of brave, artistic ambition or a complete overshoot. Director and writer Terrence Mallick clearly had no fear when he made this loss-of-innocence tale set in 1950s Texas. Mallick wrote little dialogue into his script and forced the audience to read the actors to follow the story. It was a risky move, but he forced incredible performances from all the actors. Especially Brad Pitt who played a frighteningly strict but loving father. Is it deserving of the Oscar nomination? Yes. Should it win? No. There is such a thing as trying too hard in film, and this is a prime example.

“The Artist”
After grossing a measly \$28,099,000, “The Artist” earned a much-deserved nomination for Best Picture. Of course, most audiences ignored it, probably because the silent film forced them to put down their cell phones and give their undivided attention. But this is the kind of movie the old farts at the Academy will eat up. It’s a loving tribute to a long-dead form of movies, the silent film.
The film follows George Valentine’s career as a silent movie actor going down the toilet due to the arrival of talking movies. Once given the attention it deserves, this film enthralls viewers. The lack of dialogue gives the film a deeper connection to the characters because it forces viewers to truly contemplate a character’s actions and emotions. Should it win? Lord, yes. Will it win? Definitely.

“Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close”
What most people are failing to realize about “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” is that just because a movie is exceptionally sad doesn’t make it exceptional. The story of a 9-year-old boy scouring New York City for the lock that fits a key left behind by his father, who perished in the 9/11 terrorists attacks, is touching and intriguing, but it isn’t enough to win Best Picture. It’s the first film to successfully put a face on the pain and tragedy of the 9/11 attacks, but it just doesn’t stand out as much as its fellow nominees. Should it win? No. Will it win? Not if the Academy has any sense at all.

“Hugo”
It’s almost as if “Hugo” was written to be nominated for Best Picture. In the film, Hugo helps an old, bitter pioneer of early movies discover what he loved about the art of filmmaking. “Hugo” is set in an incredibly visually appealing world. He lives behind a huge clock above a Paris train station. The film is made up of visually stunning shots of the Paris skyline and the cold brick and rising steam of the train station. Should it win? No, but it would be a respectable choice. Will it win? Maybe. It’s a wonderfully designed movie about the love of filmmaking nominated by fellow film lovers. It stands a chance.

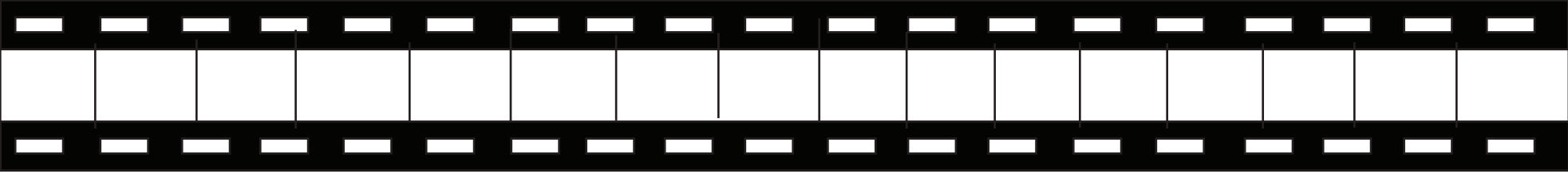
“The Help”
“The Help” might be out of its league at this year’s Academy Awards. The film follows an aspiring writer in 1960s Mississippi writing a book from the viewpoint of African-American maids. It was the actresses of this film that really stole the show, particularly Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer as frustrated maids. Without this duo, the film wouldn’t have a leg to stand on. The story was great, but the life these two actresses brought to the characters is what gave this movie a Best Picture nomination. Should it win? No. The acting was incredible, but this nomination is about more than just acting. Will it win? Not a chance.

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief
“The Descendants”
Here is a tale of a simple man dealing with the issues life throws his way. It’s not often we are tossed a simple movie, something that actually seems plausible, until now. “The Descendants” follows distant father Matt King (George Clooney) as he tries to reconnect with his daughters while his wife is in a coma. To compliment the strong, well-thought-out story line, the acting is the icing on top that really sells this movie. From Clooney to his two daughters in the film, Shailene Woodley (Secret Life of an American Teenager) and Amara Miller, the acting is fantastic. So, the big question, will it win? No, probably not. It definitely deserves the recognition, and Clooney might even walk away with Best Actor.

“Midnight in Paris”
“Midnight in Paris” is hands-down my favorite in this category. This movie is about the beauty and essence of Paris and Gil’s (Owen Wilson) search to capture that essence. More than that, however, it’s about art, literature, music and the beauty of these art forms. Writer and director Woody Allen put together a wonderful story that kept me hooked. Wilson (Wedding Crashers) put on a great performance; though his character wasn’t much different from others he’s played, he fit the bill perfectly. This movie has all the intangibles. Will “Midnight in Paris” win? I’m going to go out on a limb and say yes, at least I hope so.

“Moneyball”
Just like the team this movie follows, “Moneyball” will be the underdog at this year’s Academy Awards. Though the movie was enjoyable, it just doesn’t match up to the other feature films in this category this year. Brad Pitt (Inglorious Basterds) was solid in his role, as always, and sold the performance. Even Jonah Hill (Superbad) had a coming-out party, showing a different side to his acting ability. All in all though, this movie was just OK; it didn’t exceed expectations. Will it win? No, no way at all. I’m actually surprised it was nominated to be honest.

“War Horse”
Steven Spielberg can do little wrong, as is the case with “War Horse.” This was a beautiful movie with a phenomenal story. You’ve heard of a boy and his dog, how about a boy and his horse? Though the performance from lead man Jeremy Irvine seemed a little amateur, when compared to other films in this category, it didn’t really matter. The acting across the board was on point, but most impressive were the visuals that Spielberg was able to create. This movie for sure deserved to be nominated for best picture. It would probably win were this any other year.





KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN
Empty chairs in a Family and Consumer Sciences classroom await students. Students sitting in these and other chairs next year will likely pay higher tuition.

OUR VIEW: TUITION

Students, our sacrifice is next

The first round of bad news is over. Anyone who will lose their job as a part of Northwest’s reduction in force has already been notified and is now waiting for verification from Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents.

Students, we are next. In a recent interview, Provost Doug Dunham acknowledged that discussions on tuition increases were beginning to take place between Northwest administrators. He also said that tuition and financial aid are also under consideration, so take heart in that good news.

Under Senate Bill 389, the greatest amount that Missouri higher education institutions can raise tuition is equal to the increase of the Consumer Price Index. For this year, that number would be 3

percent. Technically, Northwest could apply for a waiver from the Coordinating Board of Higher Education that would allow it to raise tuition by more than that. If the CBHE does not approve the raise, it dishes out a fee equal to 5 percent of the University’s state appropriations.

Nobody wants tuition to go up. Gov. Jay Nixon doesn’t, President John Jasinski doesn’t, The Northwest Missourian doesn’t, parents don’t and students don’t. The Board of Regents doesn’t either, but it may be a decision it makes during the April 27 meeting.

Common rhetoric mentioned during those discussions centers around Missouri’s taxpayers. During their April 2011 meeting, certain regents who wanted to resist

tuition increases did so to not be a burden on Missouri taxpayers. Again, during a press conference Feb. 16, Jasinski said that we would continue moving “...toward delivering taxpayer value toward each and every dollar that we spend.”

Considering that roughly 30 percent of our budget comes from state appropriations, we do not owe much at all to Missouri taxpayers. They have supported the minority of our budget since 2005. If tuition cuts are the necessary evil needed to maintain Northwest’s excellence, we will work our way through them. But if that decision needs to be made, do not do it for the sake of the Missouri taxpayer. Do it for all of our students – from our neighboring states and beyond.

CAMPUS TALK

What was your reaction to last week’s budget cuts announcement?



“I think that if (budget cuts) are needed, it’s probably a good thing. It’s better to have some things that don’t get used as often cut than to have tuition rates be outrageous to where people can’t afford to go here.”

Charlotte Nibbe
Broadcasting



“I think that (the University) has to do something, because, obviously, they have very little money and I guess they have to do the best they can. Unfortunately, it’s through cuts.”

John Chapman
Business Economics



“I have a friend who is a family and consumer science major and she has no idea what to do.... She’s wanted to be a FCS teacher since high school, and we’re sophomores now.”

Kerri Theiman
Biology and Pre-med



“It’s pretty devastating to the University and the students who will be affected. It doesn’t affect me directly, but I feel like it’s going to hurt the University in more ways than one.”

Brooks Brewer
Public Relations



“I’m kind of sad about it because everyone is making it seem so depressing, but I wish it wasn’t happening.”

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RELIGIOUS COLUMN:

Houston’s remarks on spirituality indicate attitude on free choice

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In this past week another name has been added to the list of remarkably talented entertainers who have died in sad circumstances. Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain, Amy Winehouse, John Belushi – the list runs through generations of us wanting to be moved or inspired by their gifts. Now the list includes singer and actress Whitney Houston.

I would not presume to know the specific cause of her death, the emotional issues that challenged her or the future length of her legacy. She did, however, possess an amazing voice that touched ears and hearts for the past two decades.

I recall reading a part of an interview she gave several years ago. While I cannot quote the conversation exactly, it went something like this. She made the statement to the interviewer that she recognized her voice as a “gift from God.” Considering that she began her singing, like many greats, in a church choir led by her mother, that was not surprising to hear.

The interviewer then asked her about her well-publicized addictions to alcohol and illicit drugs. Did she blame God for creating them along with her attraction to them? Her answer reflected an intriguing experience of God. “I don’t blame God for that. I blame God for giving me a choice.”

Gratitude goes to God for the first gift – blame goes for the second. It seems that every gift we receive also comes with a second. It is almost as if the first present is wrapped in the shiny, bright



AP IMAGES
In this Oct. 28, 2006 file photo, musician Whitney Houston arrives at the 17th Carousel of Hope Ball benefiting the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes in Beverly Hills, Calif. Houston died Feb. 11 at age 48.

paper of the second.

Some are given the gift of intellect and the choice of whether to use it or waste it as the decision to study or go to class or not. Some are given the gift of athletic ability and the choice to use it for self or for team. Some are given the gift of creativity in the arts and music and the choice to open up a beautiful world to others or let it waste away. God loves so much that a second gift, the freedom of choice, always accompanies the first gift.

God’s first gift is life, but it always comes with the second gift of choice. Without the second, God would be the Heavenly Manipulator instead of a Heavenly Parent.

From the earliest conversations of God with humanity, found in Deuteronomy 30: 19, we are reminded of the second gift: “I set before you life . . . you choose . . .”

Close seats for premiere of World War III



STEFAN PYLES
Contributing Columnist

The disorder in the Middle East deteriorated to a startling new level of boiling international intensity over the past several weeks: the number and stances of the countries involved, the ever-amplifying anxiety felt by forces on all sides, the complexities of the causes and the possibilities of the effects. It is clearly the building of the dais on which World War III will take place.

The battle between Bashar al-Assad’s government and the Syrian rebels increased over the past two weeks so greatly that international relief groups are currently pleading with the Syrian government for daily two-hour cease-fires so humanitarian workers can enter the war-torn Homs, and other devastated cities, to provide desperately needed medical care, food and other basic necessities to the citizenry. Iranian and Russian

warships docked at the Syrian port of Tartus in blatant defiance of the U.S. and UN, who only a few days earlier barely managed to pass a non-binding resolution calling for al-Assad to relinquish power to the vice president of Syria. Al-Assad obstinately shows absolutely no concern for the requests and pleas of the outside world as he increases bombardment on the insurgency with fervent mania.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled the wildly controversial Iranian nuclear program to the world last week in a maneuver that spawned furious denouncement from both the U.S. and Israel. Israel and Iran, sworn mortal enemies, are currently in the process of exchanging rather ominous threats and warnings to each other and anyone else they feel poses a danger to their national livelihoods. Iran said it would “act without waiting” against any force that foolishly intervened in the horrifying conflict now spreading like a virus to every corner of the earth.

Iran, a major exporter of oil around the world, offered sweetened

deals to India and China in return for the renewal of their oil-purchasing contracts after halting oil shipments to both Britain and France, and boldly commanded other European countries to take public stances on their future business intentions with Iran. Vladimir Putin, the ex-KBG prime minister of Russia and long-time provocateur of American hostility, supports the Syrian regime’s progressively brutal murder of its own peoples. He also issued warnings to the U.S. through both its harboring of warships at Tartus and diplomatic announcements that it will, like Iran, not tolerate “U.S. adventurism” in the Middle East.

The options beyond a direct and immense military aggressive against Iran and Syria are alarmingly low, and as has been the case since the moment the East and West became the East and West thousands of years ago, all those involved, and not involved, are compulsorily swearing allegiances as the stage for World War III gains more solidity with each disturbing new development.

Plight of apes lies in hands of U.S. Congress



CODY UHING
Contributing Columnist

In the midst of all the political news that accompanies the presidential primaries, few people follow the other seemingly mundane yet important bills that are being passed in Congress.

The Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (S. 810) is currently waiting for a markup in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. It is an act that is actively being pushed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to permanently end the use of primates in experiments, retire the more than 600 apes owned by the federal government to sanctuaries and in turn save taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that continues to use chimpanzees, humankind’s closest living genetic relative, in experimentations, according to PETA. Corporations and the government

continue to use primates to do testing despite the report from the Institute of Medicine stating that the use of chimpanzees is scientifically unjustifiable and a congressional committee that deemed chimpanzees unnecessary to advance human health.

Not only is testing on primates an outdated way to advance medicine and technology, it is also extremely expensive to taxpayers and a vile way to treat animals. Reports have found that more than \$200 million in federal research was used on failed chimpanzee experiments. Should this bill pass, it would save taxpayers \$300 million over ten years. To make that number a little more tangible to college students, that \$300 million would be enough money to fund more than 50,000 Pell Grants.

I have been a vegetarian for more than two years, and in that time I have fallen in behind animal rights activists. It bothers me that we can continue to use animals for testing, despite the credible reports from many top science and medical journals that it is a wasteful and useless endeavor. What also bothers me is the blatant

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Cody Uhing

disregard that private corporations have toward treating animals correctly. Most of these apes are kept in captivity for years in cages that are no larger than a kitchen table and are exposed to diseases like hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, cancer and malaria. Just like humans, chimps show signs of depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder when they are victims of trauma.

This bill should be passed, despite the fact that it is irrelevant to what is important to voters today. I urge you to contact your senator and tell him or her how you feel about the issue.

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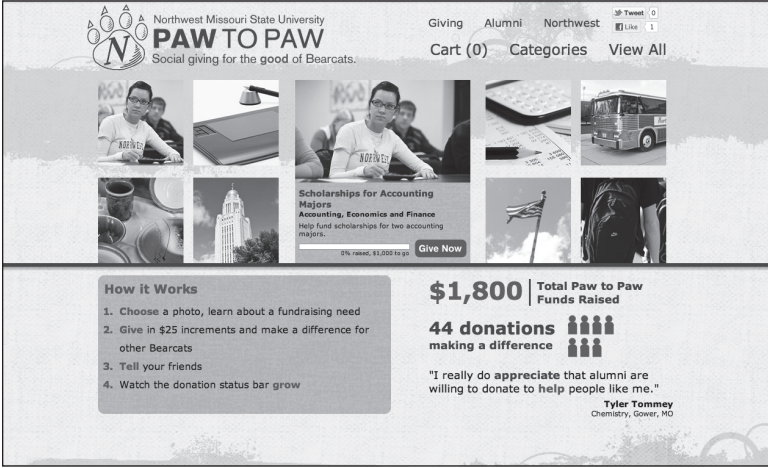
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The University’s new Paw to Paw Web site. The site allows people to donate money to an organization or cause of their choice and see its’ progress.

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cial media is integrated into the site through the use of share tools and a “like” button that works through Facebook. These tools will allow donors not only to like or share the site but each individual need can be liked and shared as well.

Twenty-five projects are currently requesting donations through Paw to Paw, including the purchase of a potter’s wheel for art students, a scholarship for accounting students and a tablet for graphic design, drawing and photography students.

Two projects that will always be featured on Paw to Paw are the Adopt-a-Bearcat scholarship and the American Dream Grant, two Northwest Foundation initiatives that help cover college expenses for Northwest students that are in need

of financial assistance. According to Lori Steiner, the finance officer for the University, 136 Adopt-a-Bearcat scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$500, and 16 American Dream Grants were given to students in various amounts. Through Paw to Paw every donation of \$250 given toward the Adopt-a-Bearcat scholarship will be matched with an equal contribution from the University.

The giving of over 40 donations, equaling over \$1,700 for various campus needs, proves that friends and alumni of Northwest are responding positively to the Paw to Paw site.

“It took a lot of people across the University to get this to happen. We are very thankful that we were able to get this together and for everyone’s help,” Murray said. “It was a campus-wide initiative to get this going, so it is pretty exciting.”

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her when she left,” Hollon said.

Cockrill’s parents, Pat and Diane Cockrill, said they do not have a choice in determining scholarship recipients but were allowed to make suggestions for possible recipients.

“We did make an emphasis that we didn’t want it to be based entirely on need; we would rather it be based on their accomplishments at the University,” Pat said. “We wanted someone involved in extracurricular activities, whether it be Greek life, campus life, things like that.”

Abby’s parents said the scholarship is just one way to remember her at the University.

“I think the only thing that we wanted to make sure of is that we had something in place that was going to be worthwhile to students there and also to keeping Abby’s spirit alive on campus,” Diane said.

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Services project.

Northwest graduate students who currently work at Wellness Services will act as the developers and producers for the videos. Although the Heartland Foundation allows grant recipients an entire year to complete the project, Kennymore said she is aiming for the videos to be available online in August before the fall semester begins.

“The overall goal is that we will increase health and wellness of campus community,” Kennymore said. “We want our students to take responsibility for their health and their wellness, and we want this site to help them do that. We really do want a culture shift so students, and then in turn the community members, are taking care of themselves. Hopefully, this will be a good way to do that.”

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in force. One important step is the appeal process, in which FCS has chosen to participate. Department Chair Deborah Fravel relates FCS’s role within Northwest to the bottom, and most fundamental, layer of Maslow’s hierarchy of needs.

“We have been leaders in the nation forever; our department is 104 years old, and leaders and our profession have come from this department for a long, long time,” Fravel said. “We believe that we offer something at Northwest that can’t be split up and farmed out and wind up being the same, having the same value or quality.”

The education program in FCS was chosen due to its relative unpopularity with students. FCS as a whole, which has grown from 180 to roughly 215 students in the past five years, was chosen due to the ease of integration into other departments, according to Dunham.

“I can understand why they would want to (appeal),” Dunham said. “(The board) is looking at this from a curricular perspective, not a personnel process... they’re not making recommendations based on, ‘Don’t cut this person, don’t cut that person.’”

The campus and community will

have opportunities to ask questions and find out more information about the cuts through a public forum hosted by Student Senate. President John Jasinski and other Northwest Leadership Team members will answer questions at the forum at 4 p.m. March 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room. So far, casual feedback to the president has been positive.

“Formally, the committee is just beginning to meet, so (we’ve heard back) nothing formally,” Jasinski said. “I can tell you that we’ve received a raft of communications from every means possible, whether it be email, Twitter, Facebook, individual conversations etc. from the likes of faculty and emeritus faculty, from alumni, from students, from community members and so many others. It’s probably what you would expect. It’s broad support for very difficult decisions.”

Other cost-savings have amassed over two and a half years of leaving certain positions vacant, which has netted the University more than \$1 million in cost savings. There will also be fewer department chair stipends due to fewer department chairs, down to 11 from 19.

“There is a stipend that goes along with being a chair, and that’s really to cover availability year-round,” Dunham said. “The idea is that in the summertime, when faculty are only

on special contracts and only teaching summer contracts, the chair is there to do the administrative business of the department in the summertime. They also get some release time.

“So by eliminating the release time, the stipend will go away, and they’ll just go back to teaching their four classes, or four classes and a lab, or whatever it might be. So salary won’t change significantly, but they do lose their stipend.”

As Northwest’s family adds another page to its photo album, its family members prepare to carry on with a few empty seats at the table. University leadership is confident that this institution will become stronger and more efficient, while others are not so sure. Much of the confusion is attributed to the future of higher education, which hinges on the uncertain future of Missouri’s economy.

“So when we talk about ‘There’s still much to be done,’ it’s really a response to the changing higher education landscape,” Jasinski said. “So much is happening out there that if we’re really trying and truly going to provide as much value to the students as we can and to focus on student success and deliver student success, we can’t just sit back and be complacent, but we can make sure we adjust to the changing environment, so that’s a reference to ‘there’s much to be done.’”

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themselves in their education.

Alpha Phi Alpha is one of two fraternities in NPHC. The fraternity was founded in 1906 at Ivy League school, Cornell University. At the time, racism was still an issue. Gibson said the dropout rates were increasing among African-American students.

“Many stereotypes today keep the African-American race down,” Gibson said. “In a sense, it’s kind of a mental barrier that has been put upon black people.”

According to Gibson, the two people the Alphas chose for the wall were Thurgood Marshall, an Alpha, and Malcolm X.

The other fraternity in NPHC is Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. The Sigma fraternity started at Howard University in Washington D.C. at the beginning of 1914. World War I had just begun at this time, and Benjamin, who is also the president of Phi Beta Sigma, said the time was hard for anyone, let alone a group of black men who wanted to start a fraternity.

“For black war veterans especially, they all just came together on the campus and started a fraternity body because they wanted to come

together and do things for other black members in the community,” Benjamin said.

Benjamin also said the two people the Sigmas chose to be on the Wall of Inspiration were Huey P. Newton, a Sigma, and Collin Powell.

Zeta Phi Beta is another Greek organization in NPHC. The sorority was founded by five women in 1920. Zeta president Treynecia DeVine said the women who started the sorority really stood out in the community, despite the struggles they were going through at the time.

“1920 was a time when women finally got the right to vote,” DeVine said. “Women empowerment was just coming into place, and these women were able to start a sorority during the Great Depression when a lot of people were looking for jobs ,and they probably weren’t too worried about sororities.”

The two people whom the Zetas chose for the wall were Zora Neal Hurston, a Zeta, and Nathaniel Alexander.

The other sorority in NPHC is Delta Sigma Theta. Delta Sigma Theta was founded in 1913 by 22 women at Howard University. Also originating during a time when women could not vote, this group supported many civil rights initiatives and groups such as the Nation-

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Edward Gibson

al Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the United Negro College Fund.

Gierra Williams is president of the Deltas at the University. Williams says the two people that her sorority chose for the wall are Dorothy Irene Heights, a Delta, and Barbara Jordan.

Williams also said the wall is important for people to explore because of what it resembles.

“Individuals who represent strength, hope, courage, wisdom and perseverance and have had a significant role in the dynamics of American history,” Williams said. “Those are the type of people students can see on the Wall of Inspiration.”

The wall is located on the second floor of the Union, across from the Java City entrance. It will be displayed through the entirety of February.

Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Blotter for Maryville Department of Public Safety

Feb. 15
Jeremiah M. Ferguson, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 200 block West Fourth Street.

Feb. 13
Allen D. Williams II, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of marijuana at 1400 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 600 block East First Street.

An accident occurred between Grant N. Patterson, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Ally J. Varner, 21, Maryville, Mo., at 1200 block North Main Street.

An accident occurred between Virginia A. Coleman, 69, Hopkins, Mo., and Amy L. Catlett, 41, Maryville, Mo., at 1500 block South Munn.

Feb. 12
An accident occurred between Bramwell K. Richards, 41, Jefferson City, Mo., and Kimberley R. Nichols, 37, Savannah Mo., at 1200 block South Main. Richards was issued a citation for failure to yield from a private drive.

Dalon J. Pierce-Spreer, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 400 block North Buchanan.

Feb. 11
Denim J. Schechinger, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession on the 1600 block North Main.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Shawn L. Cochran, 49, Maryville, Mo., at 300 block West South Avenue.

Roderick S. Williams, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with affray and failure to comply, and Jessica N. Arndt, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct,

resisting arrest, and minor in possession at 300 block North Market.

Feb. 10
Tina M. Land, 40, Sheridan, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct, failure to comply and assault on a public safety official at 1600 block South Main.

Eric R. Moreno, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and minor in possession at 2900 block South Main.

Brett A. Weisenborn, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 2900 block South Main.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Candace R. Wright, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block West Ninth Street.

Feb. 9
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 700 block Highland Avenue.

Feb. 7
Lauren D. Walker, 17, Dearborn, Mo., was charged with minor in possession on 1500 block South Munn.

Jillian C. Smith, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of another driver’s license on the 200 block East First Street.

An accident occurred between Todd M. Pedersen, 47, Maryville, Mo., and Pamela L. Hunt, 62, Maryville, Mo., at 400 block North Main.

Feb. 6
Matthew J. Ward, 21, Kearney, Mo., was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and improper display of license plates at 100 block East Jenkins.

Feb. 5
Jillian C. Smith, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 500 block North Fillmore.

Bryce L. Enyard, 19, Maryville, Mo.,

was charged with driving while intoxication, minor in possession, and failure to display lighted headlamps at 500 block West Seventh Street.

Feb. 3
An accident occurred between Cody K. Waide, 23, Buffalo, Mo., and Jacob D. Remus, 19, Maryville, Mo., on the 700 block South Munn.

Feb. 2
A fiery vehicle extrication was reported at Highway V and 290th Street.

Rick D. Schluter, 43, Maryville, Mo., was charged with resisting arrest and failure to comply at 200 block North Buchanan.

Jan. 31
A vehicle fire was reported at 400 block East Jenkins.

Jan. 29
An industrial fire was reported at 600 block Wilson Industrial Road.

Blotter from Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Feb. 14
Joshua D. Fiene, 20, Lexington, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation on theft and fraudulent use of credit/debit device.

Feb. 12
Robert R. Jackson, 56, Grant City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Feb. 11
Justin T. Shipps, 18, Ravenwood, Mo., was arrested for domestic assault third degree.

Feb. 10
Nekoma L. Hendrix, 33, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for property damage.

Feb. 9
A Maryville subject reported that he had been the victim of identity theft.

A Clearmont, Mo., subject reported that her two miniature horses had been attacked by a couple of dogs, killing one of the horses and leaving the other in a critical condition.

Feb. 7
Charles B. Boeh, 30, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for receiving stolen property.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen her phone, made a fake yearbook.com account, and had been texting people they met through the hacked yearbook account.

Juarez W. Sanders, 31, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for produce or attempt to or possess with intent to produce a controlled substance.

Charles B. Boeh, 30, St. Joseph, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for produce or attempt to or possess with intent to produce a controlled substance.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had fraudulently used his credit/debit device.

Feb. 6
Zachary R. Thompson, 21, Maitland, Mo., was arrested for violating exparte.

A stolen vehicle from Creston, Iowa, was found in Quitman, Mo.

Dale K. White, 41, was arrested on two outstanding warrants. One was out of Buchanan County for failure to appear regarding operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and the second was out of DeKalb County for failure to appear regarding careless driving.

James T. Barrows II, 29, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear on property damage.

Feb. 5
Kenneth R. Hanna, 28, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Cammeron J. Spire, 23, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested for an assault that occurred in Maryville, Mo.

Feb. 4
Jesse G. Ramsey, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Feb. 3
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had shot and killed his dog.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that while her vehicle was parked at Kawasaki, someone had broken into and stolen items from her vehicle.

Feb. 2
A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported her vehicle had been stolen.

A Conception Junction, Mo., subject reported that a dog had bitten her child.

Jan. 31
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported he was being harassed.

Jan. 28
Connor J. Posier, 18, Stanberry, Mo., was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

Jan. 26
A Clearmont, Mo., subject reported that someone had burglarized his residence.

Jan. 23
Joseph S. Crawford, 27, Oak Grove, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway county warrant for operating vehicle on highway without valid license.

Jan. 14
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had stolen her food stamps card and had been illegally using it.

Housing

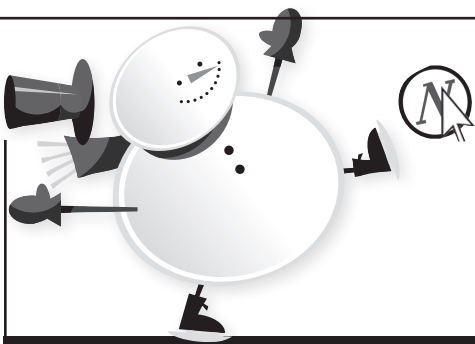
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Across

1 Its median score is 100
7 Weapon for Tyson
11 Christmas choice
14 Former drug giant
15 Sans employment
16 Enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, say
17 *Title role in the 2009 Tony winner for Best Musical
19 Drop off briefly
20 Shoe with a swoosh logo
21 Tex-Mex snack
22 M-16, e.g.
24 *Advantage of some military goggles
26 Bottlenecks
30 Not hard to grasp
31 Plaza Hotel imp
32 Write quickly
33 Sports car roof option
36 SkyMiles airline
37 Make, as a sandwich
38 Ethiopia's Selassie
39 Like flannel and fleece
40 Creepy-crawly
41 Tiered Asian temple
42 Butterfly's perch
44 Noble headpiece
45 *Freetown is its capital
48 Response to a dare
49 __ Il razor
50 Actor Morales
54 Film buff's channel
55 "That's exactly how I feel" ... or what each starred clue's first word can do?
58 Stat for Ryan Howard
59 Having the knack
60 Tough leather
61 Subj. that helps people assimilate
62 Nigging things

Down

1 Publisher's ID
2 Royally named liner, briefly
3 Heart-to-heart
4 Gardner of mysteries
5 Shrewd
6 When strokes begin to count
7 Rip off
8 Couch potato's fixation
9 Pavement warning
10 Game with tumbling blocks
11 *Unauthorized stories written by devotees
12 Author Calvino
13 Confine again, as swine
18 Trails
23 "Did we get the bid?"
24 Orion Mars mission gp.
25 Acid container
26 Some arena displays, briefly
27 Bar from a dairy case
28 *Pro shop freebie
29 Pre-speech obstacle
32 St. Patrick's Day dance
34 Ye __ Shoppe
35 Bog fuel
37 Big name in online poker
38 March __: Carroll character
40 Sound at a shearing
41 Stormy weather gear
43 USC athlete

By Tom Heilman

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44 Cold weather wear

45 Give the creeps

46 Sonnet line fivesome

47 Maritime birds

50 Footsteps-in-an-empty-hallway sound

51 Blunder

52 BMW rival

53 "Yeah, sure!"

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57 Phone no. addition

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Medium

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Answers for the Feb. 16 issue.

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Easy

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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (02/23/12). Silver dares you to catch it as it rains into your pockets. It slips out easily. Use it to pay your bills, and stick to your plan for the year's priorities. Home, family and friends are the most important puzzle pieces. Online learning could play a part.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- You're ready to take charge. Make new contacts while filling present orders. Stick to practical solutions. Remember to say "please" and "thank you."

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Think it over. You've got some

things to handle, and planning can save time. Is there anything you can delegate? Complete old stuff to gain space.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- There's no point in blaming others. You can dig yourself out of a hole. Use the right tools. Your team can come to the rescue. Thank them and celebrate.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't let the stress of the test or challenge get you irritable. You can be very convincing now. Stand up for what you believe in. It could even be fun.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Your wanderlust intensifies. Travel and romance both look good for the next few days. The challenge: spend the same as you would at home. Day trips satisfy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your actions could rub someone the wrong way. Don't let circumstances dim your brilliance. Balance the different aspects of your life. Get plenty of rest.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- What you're learning seems to contradict what you already know. You can figure out what works for you and use

it to your advantage. Don't rush.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're getting busier, and while that's a good thing, don't burn yourself out. Take plenty of breaks to stretch and rest your senses. Breathe deeply.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get projects complete around the house, and clean up an old mess. Don't get into a losing argument. Feed your romantic senses later in the day.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Your capacity to communicate and

concentrate is increased. Listen closely. Today you can solve old riddles. A stroll out in nature inspires.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Not everything goes according to plan, but that doesn't stop you from going for it, especially where work's concerned. Do the best with what you have.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Let your loved ones build up your confidence. They have faith in you, even when you doubt yourself. Try some of those moneymaking ideas.


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WHAT'S HOT

Stephen Colbert returns

Stephen Colbert returned to "The Colbert Report" Monday after a mysterious absence last week. It was later revealed that Colbert left to spend time with his 91-year-old mother who was rumored to be ill.

Kermit and Piggy to present at Oscars

The Twitter campaign to get the Muppets to host the Oscars was a bust, but the Academy did give a nod of respect to fans' efforts. The Academy announced Friday that the Muppets will present an award at the show. Billy Crystal will host the show Sunday.

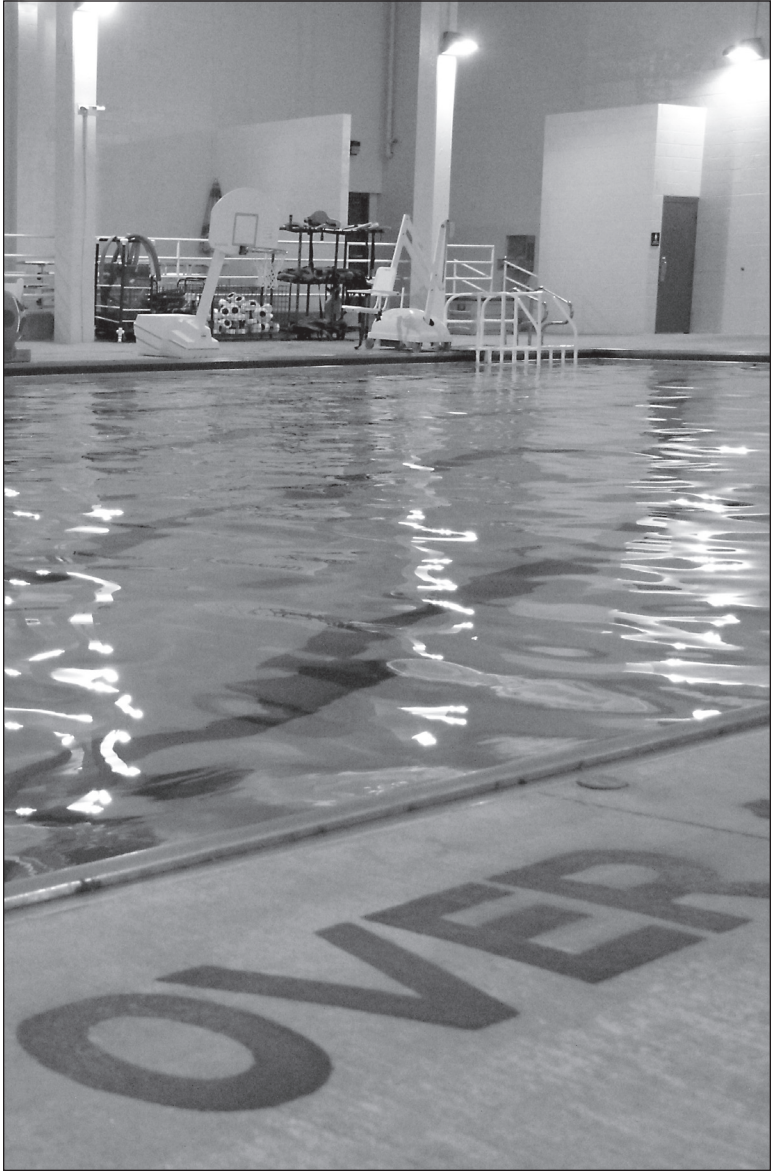
WHAT'S NOT

Rihanna and Chris Brown

You would think Rihanna had enough of Chris Brown after the end of their abusive relationship in 2009, but the pair is now working in the studio together. Brown will appear on Rihanna's remix of "Birthday Cake," and Rihanna will appear on Brown's remix of "Turn up the Music."

Racial slurs in headlines, ESPN.

ESPN editor Anthony Federico was fired Sunday for posting "Chink in the Armor" as a headline for a story about Jeremy Lin. Federico claims the offensive interpretation of the headline never occurred to him and apologized to readers and Lin.



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Your man feels Northwest administration made a wise decision when choosing to drain the pool and keep the football team, agriculture and English departments.

THE STROLLER: Your man hashes out the budget cuts

Budget-cut day came and went, along with programs, services and teachers.

On a personal level, I was not affected by the cuts, but after strolling around campus and talking to many people that were, it makes me wonder what I would do if I was.

The people I spoke to expected it, but in the back of their minds they were holding out hope. They wanted the University to believe in what they were doing and the benefits of it.

I know if I was left there with my pants down, with no program and years at Northwest wasted, I'd be pissed.

It would be insulting to think the University thought what I wanted to do with my life was not important enough to keep around. If I have dedicated the money and time to something like that, I would like to think that it was appreciated and not thrown to the side.

From the employees who lost their jobs point of view, what a life-changing experience it had to be and not a good life-changing experience, like winning the lotto or being the baby of Beyonce and Jay-Z.

These employees were thrown under the bus, with little warning. They now have to go out and find jobs in a country where jobs are hard to find. Northwest is not the only

school cutting programs, making it even harder for them to find work.

The school is pulling the plug on the aquatic center. Keeping a pool afloat is expensive, and taking that away makes the most sense out of anything in the budget. The school has no swim team, and it is not one of the things that could actually bring student to Northwest.

Northwest is known as for its education program, agriculture program and football program. Those are the school's bread and butter, and all of them remained unaffected. We all saw what happened to the Cavaliers when LeBron left Cleveland. It just fell apart and affected the surrounding businesses and the team itself. That could have happened to Northwest if any of those got cut.

As heartless as I usually am and besides the fact that I've been known to be a little inconsiderate of people's feelings, I have to feel for the people that lost their jobs. I wish nothing but the best for them and hope they find employment soon. With that said, you can't be mad at the University. Two million dollars is a lot of money, and big changes had to be made, so they are justified.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

'Ghost Rider' sequel squanders new opportunities

BRENDAN MCKENNA
Missourian Reporter

Mark Neveldine, one of the writer/directors of the recently released movie "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance", stated to news sources that the sequel to the original Ghost Rider would be "more like a horror film than an episode of 'Cops.'" Apparently, a horror film features a plot that barely exists and a scene of the main anti-hero peeing flames.

Despite what one may believe upon seeing it, the newest installment in Marvel's Ghost Rider series does, in fact, have a plot; the rider-

turned-demon, Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage), is sent to defend a child named Danny (Fergus Riordan) whose mother made a deal with the devil to exchange her son to save her own life, creating a half-demon baby, Danny. She decided not to follow up on this deal, however, and runs from the devil himself. It's a good thing you read that synopsis of the story line, because without that prior knowledge you may sit in the theater for the entire movie wondering why the characters are going to a certain location or doing a certain thing. However, even if the viewer is informed of the story, the

movie still seems ridiculous. Take this for example: our little hero, Danny, takes control of a car driving 65 miles per hour, runs it into the guard rail, causes the car to flip at least three times and land upside down in a pile of garbage.

Danny then proceeds to get out of the wreckage unscathed and approximately two minutes later, break his ankle after jumping two feet off a hill.

Pair these ridiculous scenes with the extremely weak acting and writing, and you'll be wondering whether you saw a movie, or an explosion you paid \$11 a ticket

for. The only notable point would be how the special effects, when smashed together, creates a fire-works show of over the top, action-packed fight scenes. However, in its own "unique" way, this film was quite the horror story, indeed.



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MARYVILLE BOYS’ BASKETBALL



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior guard Jonathan Baker drives around a Cameron defender on Tuesday at Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds fell 51-48 despite 18 points from Baker and 20 points from senior guard Tyler Walter.

LINSANITY

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basically a rookie in terms of his NBA experience, and he still has a lot to learn, taking care of the ball being priority No. 1.

Lin plays with a reckless abandonment; that’s what makes him so exciting. Changing the way he plays, as an attempt to protect the ball, would take away from his excitement and productivity.

Probably the biggest question surrounding Lin’s recent success was whether he, Amar’e Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony could play together and win. Well, it will take time. They got togeth-

er in a full game for the first time Monday in a loss to New Jersey. Lin played 36 minutes, had 21 points, nine assists and three turnovers. Melo played a minute more and scored a whopping 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting and had six turnovers. He said after the game that he wants the ball in Lin’s hands, he wants Lin to be able to facilitate the offense and that he just wanted to come in and fit into the current system. So, it will take time for this team to gel together but hopefully not too long, I don’t think Melo will wait too long before hogging the ball, again.

Jeremy Lin is New York’s miracle. The Knicks were a team giving fans virtually nothing to cheer

about even after the addition of Anthony and Stoudemire. I’ve been aware of Lin since his days with the Warriors; thanks NBA 2K11. I’m proud to say though, I’ve now bought a round-trip ticket aboard the Jeremy Lin train.

I will say all the hype is a little much, but it’s all in good fun. We love having something to talk about and run into the dirt, just look at the coverage Tim Tebow got and comparatively, he’s not nearly as good as Lin.

I hope the world doesn’t end in December because I want to continue to watch this guy play basketball. As far as I’m concerned, the Knicks’ new LINSation is in full effect. Sorry about that last one.

HELP

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peration becoming a factor after Saturday’s game against Central Missouri, and brought it up again when talking about the last week of the year.

“It’s desperation time now,” Steinmeyer said. “Now we need help. We’ve put ourselves in a position where we need help now... We just gotta go win (Saturday) and not worry about the rest. We’ve got to win (Saturday) and hope Western loses two.”

Steinmeyer said that all he wanted after Tuesday was a shot to get in on Saturday, and his team has that chance.

“That’s what college athlet-

ics is about,” he said. “You’ve got to prepare like you’re playing for a championship. I just hope we’re still in it come that last day of the season.”

The Bearcats have had to deal with a lot of adversity from game-to-game recently, and Steinmeyer talked about the toll it can take on a team.

“When you have a tough season like this, it’s easy to look ahead to next year, and it’s easy to look ahead to spring break, but Kansas City is a pretty cool place to end a season or even to continue a season,” he said. “Our seniors really want to get there, and now they need to gain control of that locker room and make sure everyone is playing for one sole purpose this last week of the season.”

SWEEP

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build on.

“In all phases of our game we weren’t very sharp, especially defensively,” he said. “I think we pitched OK but not great. We swung the bats alright. We just didn’t come up with the big hit. We had chances to score some runs, but we didn’t drive those runners in.

“Obviously, we had some high expectations going in and winning some ball games. You take away the positive and clean up the weakness, and that’s what the next two days of practice are for.”

Northwest hit the field again against Northeastern State at noon tomorrow in Tahlequah, Okla.

REINDERS

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defend, just run around and play hard.”

He has averaged a team-high six rebounds a game to go along with 11.6 points in 29.2 minutes per game, all while shooting nearly 61 percent from the field.

“I think it’s confidence,” Reinders said. “Getting that chance to play more and doing bigger things built my confidence up a little bit. Having a team attitude and helping us play the way we’re playing builds that confidence, and good things happen when you have confidence like that.”

Reinders collected a career-high 21 rebounds against Truman State Feb. 15, just missing a program record by two boards.

He also scored a career-high 28 points, one of four times this season he has gone for 20 or more, Jan. 14 against Southwest Baptist.

Despite leading the team in scoring seven times and in rebounds 10 times this season, he still sees himself as more of a hustle player than anything else.

“I accept my role as a rebounder, a hustle player, and that gets me the time on the court,” Reinders said. “Other good things happen because the guards find me open, and I’ve been able to knock down shots this year.”

That hustle also plays into more of a lead-by-example type of role, McCollum said.

“He does a good job of doing it with his play,” McCollum said. “His competitiveness and his effort, I think people feed off of that, and he generally has a very positive attitude. People feed off his attitude one way or another, and he’s had a pretty good one this year, so he needs to just continue that.”

Reinders also reached the 100 game milestone Tuesday night, but it was not the easiest accomplishment to reach.

He came to Northwest four years ago unsure of what his role would be; he just knew he wanted an opportunity to play early.

“I didn’t really know what to expect. I loved the campus. I loved the community, and I wanted to be able to play right away,” Reinders said.

ders said. “This has far exceeded any expectations I had when I came in here.”

Under then head coach Steve Tappmeyer, Reinders played sparingly, and the team slumped to a 12-15 finish.

McCollum was hired the year after Tappmeyer’s retirement, and Reinders looked to be a valuable part of the team’s future as he recorded the most points and rebounds of his career to that point, despite the team failing to make the MIAA Tournament for the second season in a row.

However, his shooting percentage and total numbers went down his junior season as the team struggled again, making his breakout this year all the more surprising.

“I thought he’d be really good,” McCollum said. “I thought defensively he’d be good, which he is. To get a few games over 20 (points) is pretty good. So he’s done a good job. It just goes back to if he out-works his opponent, good things will happen.”

Reinders said the struggles are part of the game, and the team’s success has made the last three years worth it.

“It’s frustrating. It takes its toll, but it’s part of the game,” Reinders said. “It’s part of building back up the program. It’s a process, and right now we’re seeing that all of that was worth it. Everything that we went through the past three years is all worth it because of this year.”

“It’s not like we’re going to fall off next year; we’re gonna have an even better team next year. The people that aren’t playing now are going to step up. It’s good to build the program back up to where it belongs.”

While he won’t be a part of the continued success he is predicting, Reinders hopes to continue his basketball career and prolong the real world as long as possible.

“I think any basketball player plays with the thought of going on,” Reinders said. “I don’t want to stop playing. I would love to be able to play anywhere, whether that be overseas, but either way, I think after the season I’ll probably join the real world. (I’m) not looking forward to it, but I have dreams of playing at a higher level.”

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well, but we also like other people to get involved if we can.”

The Spoofhounds head into district play against South Harrison (17-5) at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Plattsburg High School.

“We have to get ready for districts now,” Kuwitzky said. “I told the guys in the locker room that we can play with them now. We

know we can play with them.”

The ‘Hounds won the first meeting between the two teams 56-34 Dec. 13.

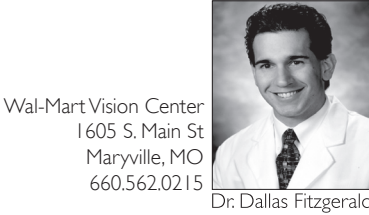
“We have to focus on South Harrison now. They are really improved and are really good now,” Kuwitzky said. “They are like 13-2 since we played them in December, and everyone I’ve talked to said that they are really playing well. That first game is going to be, critical and every game is going to be tough.”

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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern.....	22-5	14-5
NORTHWEST.....	20-5	14-5
Washburn.....	19-7	13-5
Central Mo.....	17-7	13-5
Fort Hays.....	16-8	10-8
Southwest Baptist.....	17-10	10-8
Pitt. State.....	14-12	10-9
Emporia State.....	9-15	5-13
Truman.....	7-19	4-14
Lincoln (Mo.).....	4-20	4-14
Mo. Western.....	8-16	3-15

February 25:
Lincoln (Mo.) at Washburn
S.W. Baptist at Mo. Western
Truman at Central Mo.
Northeastern St. (Okla.) at Pitt. State
Mo. Southern at NORTHWEST
Emporia at Fort Hays

MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	18-6	7-0
Savannah.....	16-9	8-1
Lafayette.....	13-14	8-3
MARYVILLE.....	10-11	3-5
Smithville.....	6-12	2-4
Benton.....	3-21	3-8
Chillicothe.....	11-11	1-4
LeBlond.....	7-15	1-7

February 23:
LeBlond at MARYVILLE

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	23-3	17-2
Washburn.....	23-4	16-2
Emporia St.....	18-6	13-5
Central Mo.....	18-6	12-6
Fort Hays.....	19-7	11-7
Truman.....	15-9	9-9
Lincoln (Mo.).....	14-10	8-10
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MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	17-4	7-0
Cameron.....	21-4	5-2
Benton.....	11-11	5-3
Lafayette.....	12-13	6-4
Savannah.....	17-6	5-4
MARYVILLE.....	12-10	1-5
Chillicothe.....	9-13	0-4
LeBlond.....	2-13	0-3

February 23:
MARYVILLE at LeBlond



Senior guard Tyler Walter pushes past a Cameron defender to get to the basket on Tuesday at Maryville High School. Maryville fell to the Dragons 51-48.

Boys come up short at buzzer

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds came up a three-pointer short Tuesday night as they fell to MEC champion Cameron on Senior Night.

Cameron (18-6) showed right off the bat what has made them so dangerous all season, hitting three shots behind the arc to give them an 11-2 lead less than four minutes into the first quarter.

The 'Hounds would respond though, going on a 12-5 run to end the first quarter featuring two three-pointers by junior guard Jonathan Baker.

The Dragons bounced back in the second quarter, hitting shots from all over the floor, including three from three-point range, and went into the locker room at half-time up 31-24.

The third quarter showed a much different look for the Dragons, as they slowed down their offense leading to much longer possessions and forced the Spoofhounds to play defense longer.

"I think that's what they do, and

they are a really patient team," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We have several scouting films on them, and they do that pretty much to everybody. They get into that offense, and they run it until they have a great shot. They are patient enough to get a good look. I think they were even more patient because they weren't getting as many shots out of it."

That would prove not to be the case with the 'Hounds as they got their offense going to cut into the Dragon lead and ended up down 39-35 at the end of the quarter.

The beginning of the fourth quarter was all about senior guard Tyler Walter. Walter scored six straight points to give the 'Hounds the lead for the first time in the game.

The lead would not last long as Cameron answered back with six straight points of their own to take the lead back.

With less than a minute remaining and down three, the Spoofhounds were forced to foul but only had one team foul, causing over 45 seconds to run off the clock until the Dragons were forced to the line.

"It had pretty much been a foul-free game, so we had to get after it with a minute to go," Kuwitzky said. "The defense we had to do was trap and gamble, and with that in mind, we had to foul, and foul again and foul again."

It would prove to be worth the wait, as Maryville had the ball with 4.8 seconds remaining and a shot to tie the game.

Sophomore forward Trent Nally threw up a three with time expiring but fell short, and Cameron escaped with a 51-48 win.

"I thought we fought hard and we played a pretty good game," Kuwitzky said. "It took every three for them to beat us, so if we would have shut that down tonight it would have been tight."

Baker finished with a team-high 20 points to go along with four assists and a steal.

Walter scored 18 points with nine of them coming in the fourth quarter.

"(Walter and Baker) had really good games, and they both scored

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Hageman, girls fail to put together complete game, fall on road

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville girls' basketball team had a tough task ahead of them Tuesday night going on the road against conference foe Cameron.

The Lady Dragons (20-4, 4-2 MEC) came out aggressively on both sides of the ball, leading at halftime 26-16.

"I felt like we were getting some

good shots against Cameron's defense, we just couldn't get them to fall," head coach Grant Hageman said.

Cameron continued scoring in bunches in the second half, finishing the third quarter with a 44-19 lead.

Cameron held onto the lead, getting the win over the 'Hounds 54-26.

"Shooting is so contagious for our team," Hageman said. "We just have to work on some things in our offensive execution to get a better result

overall."

Senior forward Brooke Byland led the Spoofhounds with nine points, all of them coming in the first quarter.

Senior guard Holly Wilmarth chipped in five points.

Maryville only made two three-pointers during the night, something that is uncharacteristic of a team that has players capable of making multiple shots beyond the arc on any given night.

"The focus has to be on our toughness and how we can bounce back from a game like this," Hageman said. "We are still looking to put together a full four-quarter performance, and it starts through getting momentum in practice."

Maryville (12-10, 1-5 MEC) will be back on the road at 5:30 p.m. tonight against Bishop LeBlond (2-13, 0-3 MEC) to close out the regular season.

Maryville begins district tournament play against East Buchanan at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Plattsburg High School.

Maryville is seeded second in the tournament, while Cameron holds the No. 1 seed.

"I'm hoping our paths will cross again this season, us and Cameron," Hageman said. "We will have a new game plan for them if the time comes."

Young wrestlers serve as strong nucleus for future

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville wrestling team left the Class 1 State Meet last weekend with similar results from a year ago.

For the second straight year, the 'Hounds sent four wrestlers to Mizzou Arena in Columbia. It was also the second year in a row that a Maryville grappler failed to earn a medal.

Maryville finished with 12 points overall. That was good enough for

35th place out of the 44 teams in the tournament.

Three of the four Maryville wrestlers finished with the same record for the tournament. Freshman Nate Alexander, 120 lbs., sophomore Logan Coleman, 126 lbs., and junior Derek Stiens, 145 lbs., all went 1-2.

Freshman Brendan Weybrew, 285 lbs., had the most successful tournament in his first meet experience going, 2-2.

Despite a 21-4 record in duals this season, the 'Hounds often

struggled in tournament scenarios. That trend continued at state.

"We are not a strong tournament team," head coach Joe Drake said. "We don't have individuals getting us into the finals. If you don't get into the finals, you can't get the big points."

However, Drake will have the opportunity to improve a majority of his wrestlers' abilities in tournament atmospheres this offseason.

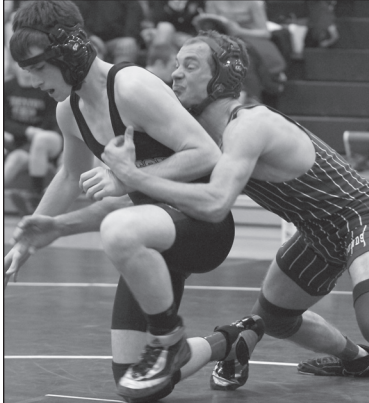
Every Maryville wrestler, with the exception of senior Charlie Coleman, will have the option of re-

turning to the team next season.

"We are really encouraged going forward into next season," Drake said. "Our state qualifiers were two freshmen, a sophomore and junior. That is a pretty good nucleus to work around."

Drake attributes a lot of success in wrestling to experience.

"With the exception of four wrestlers, everyone on our team was new," Drake said. "We have tried to keep it pretty simple this year to make sure all our wrestlers have a strong foundation to build on."



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Ben Wilmes, 132 lbs, gains back position on Trenton's Kody Wescott.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

DeAngelo Hailey

Abby Henry

Eli Smith

Jonathan Baker



Junior guard DeAngelo Hailey came off the bench to score a team-high 24 points along with 11 rebounds in the 'Cats' 91-77 loss to Southwest Baptist Tuesday night.

Senior guard Abby Henry poured in 24 points and five assists against Central Missouri Tuesday night. The 'Cats won their sixth game of the season with 75-61 victory.

Freshman Eli Smith took home titles in the 200-meters and 400-meters last Friday at Central Missouri Classic. Smith ran a time of 50.52 seconds in the 400-meter finals.

Junior guard Jonathan Baker scored a team-high 20 points Tuesday night in their 51-48 loss to district and MEC leading Cameron. Baker added four assists and a steal in the effort.

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Men lose 2 in a row, still in MIAA title race

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

Bouncing back from a loss is not what any team wants. Especially this late in the season and in a place where head coach Ben McCollum has never won as a coach. McCollum said his team has to get back to playing their game to get back on the left side of the win-loss column.

“We need to be unselfish, especially offensively,” McCollum said. “We’ve gotten very selfish. Everybody kind of takes turns taking shots, and we’re not making each other better right now.

“Defensively, just buying back in to what we do. We guard people, we get stops and we grind out games, slowing it down and playing our style of basketball instead of just a hodge-podge of whatever.”

Northwest also faced a short week, rebounding from Saturday’s 76-63 loss to Central Missouri to take on Southwest Baptist Tuesday night.

The ‘Cats defeated the purple Bearcats 78-55 Jan. 14. Senior forward Jake Reinders posted a career-high 28 points in the contest.

“We beat them as good as anyone has,” McCollum said. “Down there, they’re a totally different team. They’re playing great. I think they’ve won around nine of their

last 12 games. They’re beating everyone. It’s gonna be tough.”

The purple Bearcats returned the favor Tuesday night, handing Northwest a 91-77 loss, running away in the second half.

Southwest Baptist led by four at halftime and pushed the lead out to as many as 16 in the second half while leading most of the period by double digits.

Five players scored in double figures, led by a game-high 24 points from Ryan Dougherty.

Junior guard DeAngelo Hailey led Northwest with a season-high 24 points. Junior guard DeShaun Cooper chipped in 20 while Reinders dropped in 14 points in the losing effort.

The ‘Cats turn around for their final game of the regular season Saturday against Missouri Southern.

The Lions defeated Northwest 84-76 Jan. 18 as Southern’s Jason Adams, the MIAA’s third-leading scorer, scored a game-high 31 points to lead four Lions in double figures.

Three Bearcats scored in double figures in that contest, led by junior guard Justin Clark’s 21 points.

“It’s gonna be a battle,” McCollum said. “They’re gonna compete. We’re gonna compete, and we’ll kinda see who comes out of there on top.”

Tip-off is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard DeShaun Cooper looks for an open passing lane during Saturday’s game against Central Missouri. Cooper scored a game-high 21 points in the Bearcats’ 76-63 loss, their first home loss of the year.



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Junior outfielder Jake Kretzer steps to the plate during a game last season against Nebraska-Omaha at home. The Bearcats opened the season in losing fashion, being swept by future MIAA foe Central Oklahoma.

Baseball struggles opening weekend

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bearcats dropped all four games against future MIAA foe Central Oklahoma to open the season.

“I think everybody was kind of up and down,” head coach Darin Loe said. “I think everyone had their opportunity to do some good things, and I think everybody showed some good things, but we saw some things that we have to work on.”

In game one senior pitcher Chris Green threw five scoreless innings and allowed three hits.

Green left the mound with a 2-0 lead and turned it over to the bullpen which surrendered runs in the later stages to force extra innings.

“I thought we had some guys step up and do some things out of the bullpen this weekend,” Loe said. “I think between starting pitching and relief pitching, we definitely have some positive things out of our pitching staff.”

In the bottom of the twelfth, junior pitcher Nathaniel Horton gave up a walk-off homerun to fall 6-5.

Game two featured the same result, but it came in a different manner, as Northwest committed four errors, as they fell victim to the 10-run rule, 13-3.

Junior infielder Cameron Beardard went 3-for-3 and had an RBI in the second game of the series.

On Sunday the Bearcats continued their four-game series with a double-header.

Central Oklahoma scored runs in the first three innings, and it turned out to be enough for the Bronchos as they grabbed their third win of the series, 3-1.

Junior pitcher Jace Anderson pitched five innings, giving up seven hits and three runs in the loss.

In the final game of the weekend series, Northwest bounced back from a four-run deficit to pull with two going into the ninth inning.

The Bearcats got within one in the ninth, but a strikeout and a fly-out to centerfield left the ‘Cats short, 9-8.

While Loe expected more out of his squad, he is finding things to

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Track and Field Prepare for MIAA meet

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the MIAA meet on the horizon, the men’s and women’s track and field teams got an early look at their competition last weekend at the Central Missouri Classic.

The men were led by freshman Eli Smith who took the top spot on the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.

“He’s been a really positive surprise,” head coach Scott Lorek said. “As a freshman, you realize you haven’t worked with him before and you don’t know what he is going to do. He is confident and hardworking. He’s as far away as cocky as you could imagine. He just goes out there and competes. He’s doing well. He’s not being intimidated, and he’s just doing what he is capable of doing.”

Junior Porter Groves sprinted his way to first place in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.97 seconds.

Junior Travis Manning finished

“The thing we want to do is score well and score as many points as we can.”

Scott Lorek

behind Groves to claim fourth place for the Bearcats with a time of 7.09 seconds.

“I think at Central we had some really solid performances,” Lorek said. “We sat some people out, as were some other teams, but I think we are ready for the indoor conference championships. It was a good weekend for us and we developed some things we needed to do.”

Sophomores Brianna Evens and Samantha Fender took the top two places in the 60-meter dash on the women’s side.

Sophomore Taylor Woodruff

took the top spot in the mile run with a time of 5:16, and freshman Chloe Wichman placed first for the ‘Cats in the 600-meter dash.

“What Chole did in the 600 yards was impressive, because that was her first time running that particular event and she did that very, very well,” Lorek said.

With the MIAA Indoor Championships just days away, Lorek expects a tough performance out of his athletes.

“The thing we want to do is score well and score as many points as we can,” Lorek said. “We will just see where things fall. We just do our entries so it’s always kind of a game to see where things fall and who is what events and some events end up more stacked than others. It’s going to be an exciting week, and I know our kids are going to compete hard, and I know our kids are going to compete their hearts out. As far as placing and standings, I don’t really have a clue.”



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Freshman Ian Eflin works on his technique in the high jump during a track and field practice at Bearcat Arena Jan. 10.

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Senior forward Jake Reinders has emerged as a leader for the Bearcats, averaging career-highs in most statistical categories.

STEPPING INTO A LEADING ROLE

Reinders helps lead Bearcat renaissance

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has gone through a season-long renaissance and senior forward Jake Reinders has been right in the middle of it.

It could not have come at a better time, Reinders said.

"It's great. I wish it would have happened a little earlier, but I can't

imagine a better way to end out my career here," Reinders said.

The Bearcats are 20-5 with one game left in the regular season before they make their first appearance in the conference tournament since 2007-'08.

"Sky is the limit for us," Reinders said. "You kind of saw (Saturday) against Central we got caught up in it a little bit. We were thinking, 'Well, if we win this game we're in.'"

"We've got to focus on each game like it's our last, and if we do that then we can go far into the

MIAA Tournament and far into the NCAA Tournament."

Reinders has been a key contributor, averaging career-highs in nearly every statistical category, including minutes, points and rebounds.

"I think he buys into his role as far as getting rebounds and being a hustle guy. I think that's the most important part about him," head coach Ben McCollum said. "He's gotta make sure that he continues to be unselfish and go get rebounds,

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Taking the Knicks to LINfinity and beyond

TREY WILLIAMS

Editor-in-Chief

The hype surrounding 6-foot-3-three point guard Jeremy Lin can be described with one word: LINSanity. OK, maybe two words: Super LINTendo. Well, three: The Towering LINFerno. It's fair to say that Lin has taken social media, the NBA and pop culture by storm.

Coupled with Lin's recent success are questions regarding his future, the Knicks' future and whether this is a fluke or a miracle.

Before we delve into the rest of the column, I feel it's important to promise to you that I won't make anymore cheap, corny Lin references, such as LINDERella man. With that said, let's start from the beLINning, last one, I promise.

During Lin's four-year stint at Harvard he averaged 29.2 minutes per game, 12.9 points and 3.5 assists. Without doing anything substantial to add to that, it's easy to see why he went unnoticed until two weeks ago.

Coming out of college, he wasn't drafted but signed a deal with the Golden State Warriors. Before he signed however, he made some noise in the league with the Dallas Mavericks summer league team. The undrafted Lin went toe-to-tow with overall No. 1 pick, John Wall. He had little to no luck with the Warriors though, playing in only 29 of 82 games and averaging 2.6 points. He went on to the Rockets, was released and then found a home in the city of lights with the Knicks.

How anyone could not root for this kid boggles my mind. As if the lockout wasn't hard enough, Lin went from not having a job to having a job, then not having a job, to sleeping on his brother's couch, sleeping on teammate Landry Fields' couch, to becoming a NBA sensation. That, my friends is a true underdog story. By the way, it was hard to resist sticking "Lin" into the word sensation, so you're welcome.

As for his long career in the NBA, just take a look at the numbers and his production. In his past 10 games, nine of which he's started, he's averaging 24.6 points and 9.2 assists. He was thrown into a situation in New York in which there was no true point guard to lead the team; he's led them to eight wins over the last nine games. LeBron James, arguably the best player in the NBA, is averaging 24.2 points and 6.4 assists per game through the last 10. In my opinion, the kid's legit. I won't ignore the fact that he also has 64 turnovers on the year, and had nine in one game alone. Here are my thoughts: he's winning games; shut up, sit down and enjoy the show, haters. In his defense, he's

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Bearcats keep hopes alive for regular season finale

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

The Northwest women's basketball team has a chance to head into Saturday's game with a final shot at the MIAA Tournament.

The Bearcats have been fighting for the eighth seed for the past several weeks and kept their heads above water by defeating Southwest Baptist 75-61 Tuesday.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer went into the game with the same gameplan from their first matchup with SBU in which the 'Cats came up with a win.

"It's kind of a funny thing, we took away their inside game the last time, and they weren't as effective from the three-point line," Steinmeyer said. "That's kind of where we'll start. We'll try to take away the paint, then defend the perimeter next. But if you look at their stats, they really are good three-point shooters, so we're going to have to be a little careful because they'll shoot better at home than they did at our place."

Senior guard Abby Henry scored 24 points for Northwest to go along with five assists and three rebounds.

Freshman post Maggie Marnin also played a big role for the Bearcats, narrowly missing a double-double with eight points and 13 rebounds.

The 'Cats will take on Missouri Southern at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Missouri Western played Central Missouri Wednesday night with a chance to knock Northwest out of contention with a win because they hold the tiebreaker over the Bearcats.

Results of the game were not available as of press time.

The Griffons will then take on Southwest Baptist at home for a second chance to clinch the eighth spot.

The 'Cats own the tiebreaker over Southwest Baptist thanks to the season sweep.

Steinmeyer talked about des-

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JASON LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Abby Henry pulls up for a transition three-pointer late in Northwest's 66-56 loss to Central Missouri on Saturday. Henry scored 24 points in Tuesday night's 75-61 victory over Southwest Baptist.

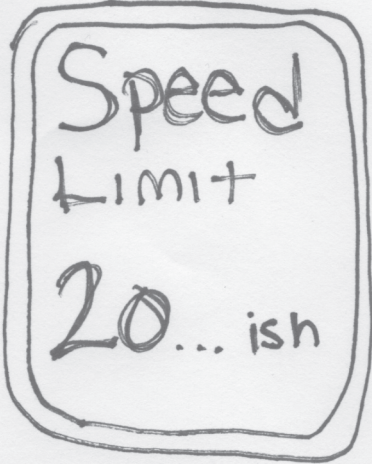
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Speaking of UPD, the officers on campus are real. Not security guards that drive golf carts and can only chase you to the edge of campus. They are state sanctioned, which means their jurisdiction is the state of Missouri. Iowa isn't that far away, but I doubt you'd get there, if they were on your tail. And they just got a brand new Tahoe and Crown Vic. Oh, they have real guns too. With real bullets.



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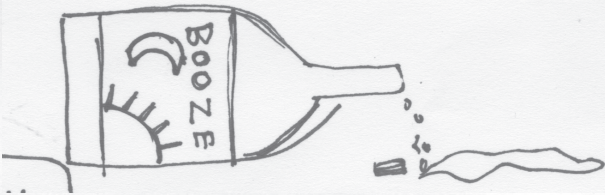
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It's ok to mess up. It's going to happen. Learn from it.

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Alcohol can be bad. Turns out, you can make it through college without partying. It is possible. Promise. Who would have thought? Briefly, here are 4 stipulations I have about alcohol.

- It has to be done legally. Plain and simple. If you're not 21, you shouldn't have a hard time deciding.
- It has to be responsibly. Just because you're 21 doesn't give you the right to make a fool of yourself. It also doesn't mean you can endanger yourself or others.
- You have to like the taste. Why would you put something in your body that you find disgusting? If you have an answer, refer to #2. Alternative: Gatorade tastes good.
- You have to be able to afford it. Duh. Water is cheap. And contrary to popular belief, it's not carcinogenic in Maryville. Alcohol is not always the right answer. Unless of course the question is "What is C3H7OH?"



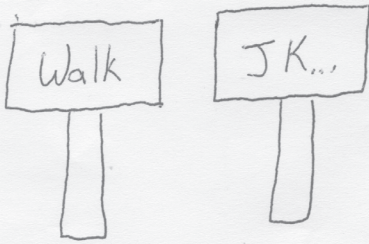
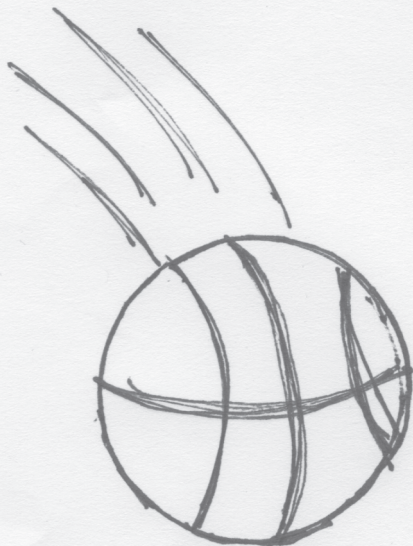
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Don't chase the squirrels. You won't win. Besides, they didn't do anything to you. Admit it, you'd freak out if they chased you back.

5

On campus, technically pedestrians have the right of way. This doesn't mean that you should walk into the road without looking. At least 4 people were hit by a car on campus in the 4 years I was there. And it wasn't the drivers fault. Don't worry. The speed limit is 20 on campus, so they were not seriously injured. I realize we're not all Usain Bolt, but most people who are paying attention to their surroundings should be able to take two sidesteps to avoid contact with a car.



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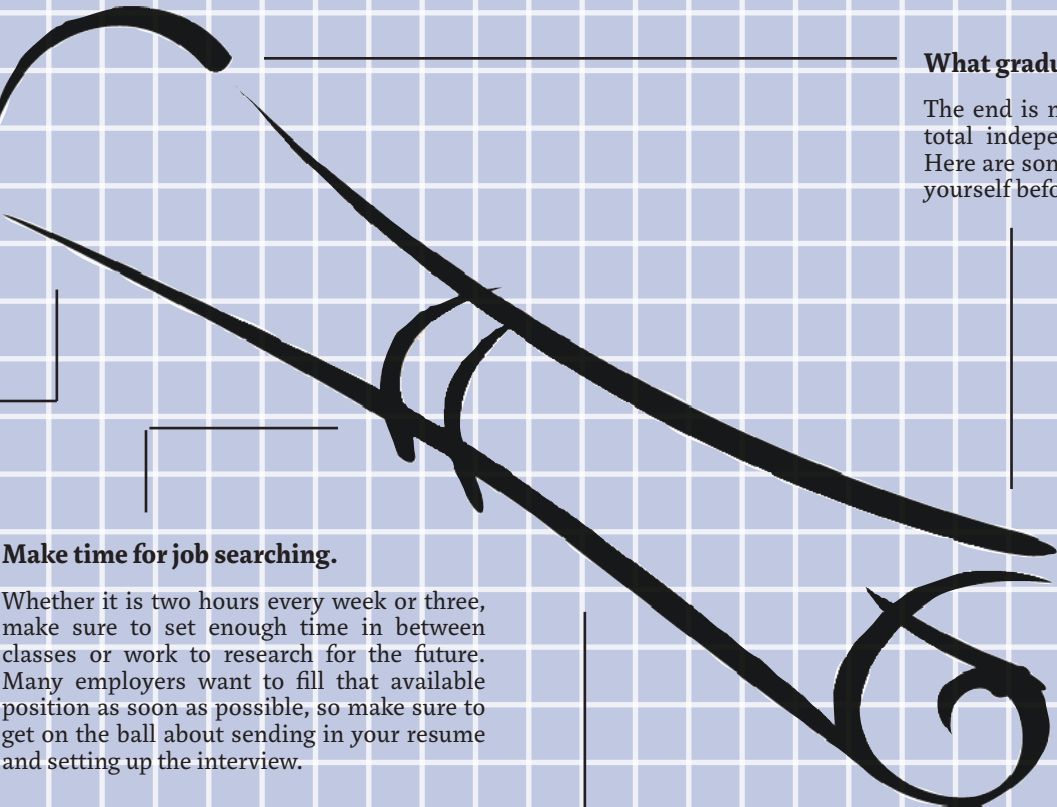
THE GRADUATION BLUEPRINT

“The biggest thing I want to remind students is to use their resources,” Joan Schneider
Director of Career Services

What every graduate needs to know

Set goals for yourself.

One of the keys to moving toward the next step in your life is to set goals for yourself. Whether it is something like having five applications sent by the end of the week or researching 10 job sites by Tuesday, setting achievable goals for yourself will benefit you in the end.



What graduates need to know.

The end is near and you are months away from total independence, are you freaking out yet? Here are some last-minute tips for taking care of yourself before you graduate.

Make time for job searching.

Whether it is two hours every week or three, make sure to set enough time in between classes or work to research for the future. Many employers want to fill that available position as soon as possible, so make sure to get on the ball about sending in your resume and setting up the interview.

Get ahead on the job search

Make sure to get a head start.

Waiting until the last minute to start your job search can make for a devastating outcome. Start by asking advisors, professors and your parents about where to start. Keep a calendar close and set weekly deadlines for yourself. Start by researching for jobs early in the semester and have your resume and portfolio ready before deadline.

Know where to take your major.

Just because your major says one thing doesn't mean your options are limited. Make sure to look into all of your options before applying, and research jobs that fit your skill sets in addition to your major. Make sure to look at all your options when applying for jobs.

Start networking.

Talk with professors, collect business cards and take advantage of the University's Career Day. Surrounding yourself with knowledgeable advisors puts you ahead in your field by knowing about the positions first. In today's economy always remember, it's not about what you know but who knows you.

Have a positive online presence.

If you read the first sentence and immediately thought of a picture on Facebook that shouldn't be there, it's time to take it off. Employers are cracking down harder than ever on applicants' presence in social media, and graduates need to keep that in mind. Save the pictures on your computer and take down the inappropriate Tweets before starting the job search; the end result will be in your favor.

Prepare for the interview.

Congrats on getting this far, now what? Using resources like mock interviews and online research will be in your favor, but if you are past that point just remember to relax. Also, remember to talk to professors and University experts about what questions to expect and how to dress.

Utilize your resources.

Talk with advisors. Talk to your professors. Visit the Career Center Web site. Make sure you take advantage of all the University's resources before you leave them behind. There are plenty of people ready and willing to lead you in the right direction, you just have to take the first step.

Never give up.

Applying for jobs can be stressful at times, especially in a job market as competitive as this one. Just remember: no doesn't mean never; it just means not right now. Continue looking and researching because something will come along for you in the end.

Tie up all loose ends.

Looking forward to the future can be a nerve-wracking experience, but nothing is scarier than getting a call from the University at the last minute saying you forgot to fill out paperwork. To avoid missing the coveted walk across stage, make sure you meet with your advisor at least a month prior to graduating in order to make sure everything you need is taken care of.

